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Coroner R J Stone Police Station Bolnore Haywards Heath West Sussex

Dear Sir

Darrim Daoud - deceased 15 November 2009

I am writing with the unanimous approval of the trustees of this Christian ministry.

Accompanied by a colleague, I conducted a pastoral visit to Darnim Daoud's home at his request on 4 October 2009. I established that Darnim Daoud was the victim of harassment, and had been receiving death threats. This charity entered into an agreement with Mr Daoud. He promised us that he would never commit suicide. In return, we promised him that if, as he feared, the death threats appeared to have been carried out, in that his body was found in the open with signs of a violent death, then we would intervene in the police investigation and coroner's inquest, to carry out Mr Daoud's own wishes, that a true verdict of unlawful killing should be reached, not a false verdict of suicide.

We remained in direct, personal touch with Mr Daoud during the period between our first meeting with him until just over a week before his death, when he emailed us about a group holiday he wanted our charity to plan with him in 2010. We also are aware that he published (inter alia) a video on the You Tube website the day before his death, about some of the harassment he was receiving at that time. The video and other postings made no mention of any intention of self-harm that others appear to be assuming.

Now that the worst has happened, in execution of our part of the bargain that we made with Mr Daoud before his death, please take notice that this charity wishes to be legally represented at the inquest into Mr Daoud's death. We wish to call witnesses whose evidence is given under oath and tested under cross-examination, who had contact with Mr Daoud in the weeks and days immediately before his death. God willing, the witnesses called will include both myself and the colleague who accompanied me every time I met with Mr Daoud. My colleague is a fellow witness to the solemn promises that I made to Mr Daoud, on behalf of the charity, and to Mr Daoud's testimony as to the harassment and death threats he had been receiving.

Mr Daoud's death follows his leadership of a political demonstration that I attended on 14 October, and prevents his leadership of a follow-up demonstration on the same issue that is planned for 10 December, Human Rights Day. The last death threat known to us was made on 14 October, when Mr Daoud was on the train home from the first demonstration he led, the only one he will now ever lead, as it now turns out. In the light of these facts, the decision of British Transport Police, that Mr Daoud's violent death, when aged only 34, is "non-suspicious", therefore strikes the trustees of this charity as ill-informed and mistaken.

Yours faithfully,

<u>John Allman</u>

Trustee and member of the Spiritual Leadership, Beulah Baruch Ministries

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