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HQ JFNZ (Attention: SOCC)

For Information:

1 NZSAS Regt (Attention: CO)

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NZDF MP FINAL REPORT: ILL-TREATMENT OF A DETAINEE

References:

- A. NZDF / SOC/1 of 11 Apr 17
- B. NZDF MP Incident Report 20170503001 dated 4 May 17

1. IAW ref A and B, NZDF MP commenced an investigation into an allegation made in the book *'Hit and Run: the New Zealand SAS in Afghanistan and the Meaning of Honour'* by N. Hager and J. Stephenson, specifically that an Afghan national had been assaulted by a member of the NZDF, while he was being transported to an Afghani run detention facility.
2. During the course of the NZDF MP investigation all NZDF personnel directly involved in the operation to detain Mr Qari MIRAJ were spoken to, with one witness yet to be formally interviewed. The investigation found that there were a number of discrepancies between the allegation made by Misters Hager and Stephenson, and the personnel who conducted the operation.
3. The investigation concluded that there was no evidence to support allegation that a member of the NZDF assaulted Mr Qari MIRAJ. No further reports will be submitted regarding this to matter, unless some information or evidence is revealed during the interview with the final witness.
4. Any queries regarding this matter can be referred to **PSR(sen)1, PSR(IC)3**
RNZMP, NZDF MP Serious Investigation Branch, DTelN PSR(sen)1, PSR(IC)3

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