

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY Headquarters, 3rd Brigade Combat Team 3rd-Infantry Division FOB Warhorse, Iraq APO AE 09397

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

AFZP-VI-JA

13 July 2005

MEMORANDUM OF OPINION

SUBJECT: Claim of i, 05-IA5-1049

- 1. Claimants name and address: Mufrak, Iraq
- 2. <u>Incident date and place the incident occurred giving rise to the claim</u>: Incident occurred on 28 June 2004 in Mufrak, Iraq.
- 3. <u>Amount of claim and filing date:</u> Claimant filed a claim in the amount of \$6,000.00 on 6 July 2005.
- 4. <u>Chapter the claim was considered under and a brief description of the incident or of the issues raised by the claimant for consideration:</u> Foreign Claims Act and Chapter 10, AR 27-20; claim filed for death of claimant's son.
- 5. Facts:
 - a. Claimant states that on 9 April 2005, the claimant and claimant's son were checking the local shops that sustained damage when a bomb went off, killing his son.
 - b. The claimant submitted witness statements along with the claim.
- 6. <u>Opinion:</u>
 - a. In order to form a basis for a claim under the FCA, the incident in question must have arisen outside the Unites States. In addition, the incident must be caused by either noncombat activity of the Unites States Armed Forces or by negligent or wrongful acts of military members or civilian employees of the Armed Forces.

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- b. There is insufficient evidence to suggest that this incident arose out of the negligence and/or wrongful acts of the United States Armed Forces. There is no record of U.S. activity on the date in question; however, an IED had been detonated in the area. The claimant submitted no evidence to corroborate his claim.
- 7. <u>Recommended Action</u>: This claim is not payable under the FCA for the aforementioned reasons. Consequently, this claim for \$6,000.00 is denied.

CPT, JA Claims Judge Advocate

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Describe nature and extent of property damage or personal injury sustained as a result of the above incident.

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