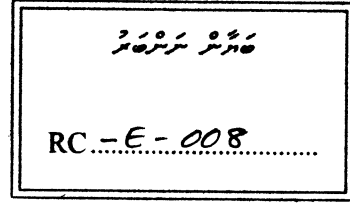



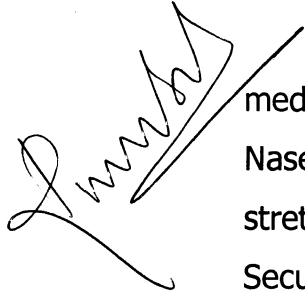
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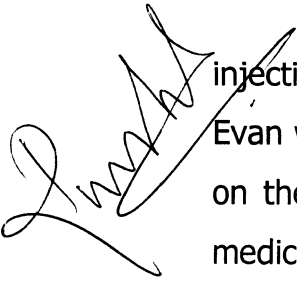


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I have been working at Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) since October 1999. As part of the job of medical officer at Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH), we are required to work at the medical center at Maafushi Prison from time to time. In this respect, I was working in the Medical Centre (medic) at Maafushi on 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2003. Around 8:00 pm or 9:00 pm that night I referred a National Security Service (NSS) person to IGMH to rule out any bony injury to right upper limb. He also had some abrasions at the lower back and left side of the chest wall. I was told that he was assaulted by a prisoner. Around 11:10 pm that night, I was in my room when one of the Department of Corrections guards informed me that a patient was being brought to the



medic. I went to the medic at around 11:15 pm. A patient (Hassan Evan Naseem, M. Asia) was brought into the medic by four people on a stretcher. Two of the people carrying the stretcher were National Security Service (NSS) personnel; the other two were Department of Corrections guards. On receiving the patient I called for the resident doctor, Dr. Vivek (Dr. Raju Vivekanandan). I asked the people who brought the patient on the stretcher as to what happened to the patient. I was told that he suddenly collapsed. No other explanation was forthcoming. On examining the patient, I found that he had no cardiac activity and was not breathing. I tried to resuscitate the patient for about 5 minutes but could not revive the patient. At about 11:20 pm, I declared the patient dead. From the limited facilities available at the medic, I was not able to determine the exact cause of death. There was no active bleeding from anywhere. However, I found sand grains all over his body. I was not able to move his limbs as he had too many contusions on the limbs. The whole of his upper limbs and lower limbs were full of contusions. Also contusions were seen over the back. There were cuff marks on his wrists and no other abnormality detected. His T-shirt was a bit wet and was torn in the chest area. In my opinion the above mentioned injuries could have been caused by physical violence, and probably hit with a blunt object. After the declaration, I talked to the Assistant Warden Mr. Mohamed Thaufeeq, who instructed me to fill the forms to be forwarded to IGMH. The body was kept at the medic and Department of Corrections guards were on duty there. At around 12:00 midnight I was asked to treat another patient at the classroom. The patient (Ihaab Ibrahim, M. Hill in the Garden) was lying on a stretcher inside the classroom. He was hyperventilating and there was no evidence of fits. I told one of the security officer called Amithaab (Ahmed Zuhair) to fetch an injection from the medic. I am not sure who administered the



injection. He was not brought to the medic probably because the body of Evan was there at the time. Dr. Vivek attended him too. Around 3:30 am on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2003, I was called from my room to go to the medic. The NSS doctor Dr. Mohamed Ahmed had come from Male' to examine the body of Evan. On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2003, I spent most of my time in my quarters on the Department of Corrections accommodation area. Around 12:30 pm, whilst in my room, I heard a gush of noise coming from the prison area. When I came out of the accommodation area, I saw a lot of NSS personnel on the street in front of the C Block. They had shields and were wearing helmets. Stones were being thrown at them from inside the prison block. Assistant Warden Abdul Ghanee was standing besides me during this time. When the prisoners started coming out from the gate in front of the "C" Block, Ghanee and I ran towards the main gate separating the Prison area from the main island. On the way towards the island side, I met a Security Guard called Issey (Ismail Naseer, K. Maafushi, Musthareege) and he took me to his house where I switched off my mobile phone and hid. I switched on my mobile phone at around 1:30 pm, and I immediately received a call asking me to return to the Prison as there were many injured people in the area. An Assistant Warden called Adam Ismail ( Lh. Hinnavaru, Nedhunge) came to pick me up in his motorcycle. On my return I was taken to Department of Corrections staff mess and was initially asked to attend the NSS personnel who were injured. I examined one NSS person who had a gunshot wound on his thigh. Although I was asked to remove the bullet there, I referred him to IGMH to remove the bullet. Another NSS person was brought in with spasms in his thigh area. Afterwards I went to the medic to examine the inmates. The NSS personnel were keeping the inmates in groups of 30-40 people, mostly with handcuffs on the street. On the way to the medic I saw pools of



blood on the street near NSS officers block and NSS office. A team of doctors also arrived around 3:00 pm that day to treat the wounded. They included Dr. Mohamed Shafiu, Dr. Ilavarsan Kannayan from IGM Hospital and Dr. Ali Shahid Mohamed from the NSS. I only dealt with the stable patients, as most of the serious ones were shifted out of Maafushi prison. This is a true statement given by me regarding the death of Hassan Evan Naseem, M. Asia on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at K. Maafushi prison.

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