

We are providing you with an update about the judge's decision dismissing the case on 31 December 2009. We are very disappointed about the judge's decision. We understand that the news of his decision must have been very difficult for you to learn about. Having met with each of you many times, we are very sorry that news of this decision adds to the pain that you already suffer from what happened at Nisur Square.

We want to inform you about the process going forward. The Department of Justice is currently reviewing the judge's decision to see whether there are legal grounds to appeal the decision to a higher court. Under our rules, the Department of Justice has 30 days to file a "notice of appeal," which is a short statement that starts the appellate process. We will keep you informed once a final decision is made.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Herd, the chief of our Victim Witness Assistance Unit, by email at USADC.NisurSquare@usdoj.gov.

Peace be upon you.

Sincerely,

The entire prosecution team