
From: HQNZDF.DSO
Sent: Friday, 24 September 2010 09:37
To: WAATEA.SNO
Subject: MINISTERS CONCERN

Chris,

The Min has a concern over the 22 Aug job and the media release by ISAF stating they were going to do an investigation (refer ISAF media release on their Website dated 29 Aug) into a civcas allegation stemming from our operation. This was then followed by a subsequent media release on 30 Aug which said that some rounds from the helicopter may have gone astray and caused some casualties.

You advised that the assessment team has now cleared all coalition forces involved in the operation and found no evidence of any civcas.

The Min wants to know how then does HQ ISAF close this loop formally, in essence what is their process and are the findings released to the media. In his mind he believes the issue is still left hanging with no formal closure.

Can you chat to whoever and give us some words that we can reassure the Minister. A signed letter from IJC formally closing this process would be most useful.

See what you can do, don't sweat it but any comment would be useful.

Cheers

PS: Jim will be out of office PSR(S)2, PSR(S)3

so will pitch it to LCC.

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