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Include name and address and, if appropriate, details of DX, telephone or fax numbers and e-mail Her Majesty's Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory address address Treasury Solicitor One Kemble Street London, WC2B 4TS Telephone no. Fax no. Telephone no. Fax no. 020 7210 3358 020 7210 3214 E-mail address E-mail address mackie-prentis@tsol.gsi.gov.uk SECTION 3 Details of the decision to be judicially reviewed Ongoing failure to provide the information sought in the claimant's pre-action protocol letter before claim dated 13th July 2009. Date of decision: Ongoing Name and address of the court, tribunal, person or body who made the decision to be reviewed. Foreign and Commonwealth Office Secretary of State for Foreign and King Charles Street Commonwealth Affairs London SW1A 2AH SECTION 4 Permission to proceed with a claim for judicial review I am seeking permission to proceed with my claim for Judicial Review. Is this application being made under the terms of Section 18 Practice Yes x No Direction 54 (Challenging removal)? Are you making any other applications? If Yes, complete Section 7. x No Yes Is the claimant in receipt of a Community Legal Service Fund (CLSF) Yes Νo certificate? Are you claiming exceptional urgency, or do you need this application determined within a certain time scale? If Yes, complete Form N463 and Yes x No file this with your application. Have you complied with the pre-action protocol? If No, give reasons for x Yes No non-compliance in the box below. Have you issued this claim in the region with which you have the closest x Yes No connection? (Give any additional reasons for wanting it to be dealt with in this region in the box below). If No, give reasons in the box below. 4

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE COURT Claim No.

BETWEEN:-

THE QUEEN

on the application of

MOHAMMED SAAD IQBAL MADNI

Claimant

- and -

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

Defendant

GROUNDS OF CLAIM

Introduction

- 1. The Claimant is a Pakistani national. He was detained in Jakarta, Indonesia on 9 January 2002. He was then handed over to the US authorities and subjected to "extraordinary rendition" to Cairo, Egypt so that he could be held incommunicado and tortured.
- 2. En-route to Cairo, the aircraft used to transport the Claimant stopped for refuelling. The Claimant believes that it is likely that the refuelling stop took place on Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territory.
- 3. Mr Madni remained in Cairo for some three months where he was subjected to particularly severe forms of torture. He was then transported to the United States detention facility at Bagram Air Force Base, Afghanistan, from where he was taken to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. He was released from Guantánamo Bay on 31 August 2008.

4. Mr Madni seeks:

- (1) disclosure of material held by the Secretary of State or within his control that evidences his extraordinary rendition through Diego Garcia and that would assist him in identifying and bringing proceedings against those US (and, if applicable, UK) personnel involved in his detention, unlawful rendition and torture; and
- (2) Further and in any event, a mandatory order requiring the Secretary of State to decide whether to disclose the said material to Mr Madni.

Facts

Diego Garcia

5. Diego Garcia is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory and has been made available to the US for certain defence purposes since 1967. Since then, the only inhabitants have been UK and US military personnel and civilian contract employees, all living on Diego Garcia. Approximately 50 British personnel work for the Diego Garcia civil administration under the authority of the Commissioner for the BIOT, carrying out policing and customs duties.

"Extraordinary rendition"

- 6. "Extraordinary rendition" is the extra-judicial kidnap and transfer of an individual to a covert location for prolonged incommunicado detention and torture. Following the attacks on 11 September 2001, the United States began a programme of "extraordinary rendition" of detainees to secret prisons run by the US and by other states.
- 7. HMG has repeatedly made it clear that it expects and requires permission to be sought from the United States before any rendition operation takes place via the UK or its overseas territories. On 20 January 2006, then UK Foreign Secretary Jack Straw MP informed Parliament that:

"we have made clear to the US authorities, including in recent months:

That we expect them to seek permission to render detainees via UK territory and airspace (including Overseas Territories);

that we will grant permission only if we are satisfied that the rendition would accord with UK law and our international obligations, and

how we understand our obligations under the UN Convention Against Torture

We are also clear that the US would not render a detainee through UK territory or airspace (including Overseas Territories) without our permission".

"Extraordinary rendition" via Diego Garcia

- 8. In November 2003, in a letter to the Secretary of State, the Bar Human Rights Committee raised concerns about "the transit of any detainees across UK territory, for example, by landing by air on the island of Diego Garcia before being transported [off-shore]".
- 9. In response to these concerns, the HMG's position was initially that no rendition operations had taken place via Diego Garcia:

"The United States have repeatedly assured us that no detainees have at any time passed in transit through Diego Garcia or its territorial waters or have disembarked there and that the allegations to that effect are <u>totally without foundation</u>. The Government is satisfied that their assurances are correct" (statement of then Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw to Parliament on 21 June 2004) (emphasis added).

It has subsequently transpired that the assurances given by the United States were false.

10. In June 2007, the Council of Europe's published a report "Secret detentions and illegal transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states: second report", which stated:

"We have received concurring confirmations that United States agencies have used the island territory of Diego Garcia, which is the international legal responsibility of the United Kingdom, in the "processing" of high-value detainees. It is true that the UK Government has readily accepted

"assurances" from US authorities to the contrary, without ever independently or transparently inquiring into the allegations itself, or accounting to the public in a sufficiently thorough manner".

11. On 21 February 2008, the Secretary of State admitted that two US rendition flights had stopped on Diego Garcia in January and September 2002. He told Parliament:

"Contrary to earlier assurances that Diego Garcia had not been used for rendition flights, recent US investigations have now revealed two occasions, both in 2002, when this had in fact occurred. An error in the earlier US records meant that these cases did not come to light. In both cases a plane with a single detainee on board refueled at the US facility in Diego Garcia. The detainees did not leave the plane, and the US government has assured us that no detainees have ever been held on Diego Garcia or any other Overseas Territory or through the UK itself since then."

Of the individuals in question, he said that "neither of the men was a British national or British resident. One is currently in Guantanamo Bay. The other has been released".

12. On 11 February 2009, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office responded to a parliamentary question from Andrew Tyrie MP:

"Mr Tyrie: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether one of the detainees rendered through Diego Garcia is still being held in the Guantanamo Bay detention centre.

Bill Rammell: Both of the individuals rendered through Diego Garcia in 2002 have been returned to their countries of nationality."

Mr Madni's Detention and "Extraordinary Rendition" to Egypt

13. Mr Madni was detained in Jakarta at approximately 4 am on 9 January 2002 by Indonesian officers. At around 8 pm on 10 January 2002 he was taken to the airport where he was he was met by Egyptian and US intelligence personnel, beaten, kicked in the chest and thrown against the wall, leaving him bleeding from his nose, mouth and ears and with blood in his urine. He was then hooded and boarded onto an aircraft. Once on board, Mr Madni was then tightly

shackled and put in a coffin-shaped wooden box that was bound with plastic. The aircraft took off approximately two hours later.

14. Several hours later, the aircraft landed. Mr Madni was told the stop was for refuelling. Several people boarded the aircraft and took photographs of Mr Madni. Approximately half an hour later, the aircraft took off again before landing in Cairo on the morning of 11 January 2002.

Mr Madni's Detention and Torture in Egypt

- 15. In Cairo, Mr Madni reports that he was subjected to intense torture sessions in which electric shocks were given to his head and knees, and he was denied food and medicine for his continued bleeding. Four US personnel assisted the Egyptian interrogators by handing them questions to ask Mr Madni. Mr Madni was forced to drink tea laced with drugs which disoriented him, before being interrogated through a glass wall.
- 16. On many separate occasions, Mr Madni was hung from metal hooks from the ceiling and beaten, regularly bleeding from his mouth, nose and ears.

Mr Madni's "Extraordinary Rendition" to Afghanistan

- 17. On or around 11 April 2002, Mr Madni was asked to sign a document confirming that he had not suffered any ill-treatment. He was taken to Cairo airport where he was handed over to some US personnel.
- 18. After several hours, the aircraft landed. Mr Madni was unshackled and made to run to another aircraft. The second aircraft flew them to the US Air Force Base in Bagram, Afghanistan.
- 19. On arrival at Bagram, Mr Madni spent seven months in solitary confinement, in a room about six foot by 4 foot with no sunlight. He was regularly beaten and hung from the ceiling in the "strappado" position.

The Claimant's Rendition to Guantánamo Bay

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- 20. On 22 March 2003, Mr Madni was flown to Guantánamo Bay where he arrived on 23 March 2003. There, he was subjected to a regime of sleep deprivation and frequent moving from cell to cell that has subsequently described as "the frequent flyer programme". During this time, Mr Madni was interrogated by a range of personnel including, he believes, in April 2003, one UK national.
- 21. Throughout his time, Mr Madni complained of serious medical problems, including problems with his bladder and knees and continued bleeding from his mouth, ears and nose and in his urine.

Mr Madni's Release and Return to Pakistan

22. Mr Madni was released from Guantanamo Bay and returned home to Pakistan on 31 August 2008.

Investigations by Reprieve

23. The legal charity, Reprieve, has carried out investigations on behalf of Mr Madni into his rendition. The results of its investigation are set out in the witness statement of Ms Gutteridge. Taken together, there is considerable circumstantial evidence that indicates that the Claimant may have landed on Diego Garcia.

Flight records

- 24. Reprieve have obtained Eurocontrol flight records, which record the origin and destination of flights transiting European airspace.
- 25. Those records show a Gulfstream V jet registered to a CIA controlled front company with tail registration N379P departing Washington on 9 January 2002, arriving in Cairo on the following morning. Taking into account the time difference, and allowing time to refuel, the jet could have reached Jakarta by the evening of 9 January 2002. It may have needed to stop to refuel en-route. N379P is one of the small number of aircraft used by the CIA for carrying out rendition flights.

- 26. A Washington Post report from March 2002 speaks of eye-witnesses seeing a man being bundled aboard a US-registered Gulfstream V jet at a military airport in Jakarta.
- 27. The return flight from Jakarta to Cairo may have required a fuel stop en route. If so, the likely locations for such a stop are Diego Garcia or another US military facility in central Asia, such as Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan.
- 28. There is no Eurocontrol log until 13.31 on 15 January 2002 (meaning that N379P did not pass through European airspace again), until the aircraft returned to Washington after refuelling at Prestwick Airport in Scotland.
- 29. In these circumstances, it is likely that this aircraft was used in the rendition of the Claimant, especially given that it stopped in Cairo en-route, presumably to collect Egyptian intelligence officers. Its route is consistent with a stop-over in Diego Garcia, and the Claimant's account of events.

Detainee records

30. Further circumstantial support for the Claimant's rendition flight having stopped in Diego Garcia is provided by analysis of detainee records. From the public statements made by the Foreign Secretary, it is clear that two detainees passed through Diego Garcia. Both ended up at Guantanamo Bay. Both have now been released, but only one had been released at the time of the initial admission. By a process of deduction, eliminating cases where Diego Garcia would not have been a sensible stop-off point, it is again likely that the Claimant was rendered via Diego Garcia. See paragraphs [] of the witness statement of Ms Gutteridge.

Legal Framework

Common Law

31. Torture and inhuman and degrading treatment are actionable at common law.

The prohibition against torture is a fundamental principle of the common law (see Lord Bingham in A v Secretary of State for the Home Department (No.2) [2006] 2

AC 221, at §11) and involvement in torture or inhuman and degrading treatment involve (as a minimum) the commission of the torts of trespass to the person (Stubbings v Webb [1993] AC 498), assault, battery (Re F (Mental Patient: Sterilization) [1990] 2 AC 173; Wilson v Pringle [1987] QB 23) and conspiracy to use unlawful means conspiracy (Lornho v Fayed [1992] 1 AC 448) or to injure.

32. Further, the common law will intervene to assist the victim of wrongdoing obtain evidence needed to identify or pursue a wrongdoer.

Customary International Law

33. The prohibition against torture is a peremptory norm of customary international law (*R v Bow Street Magistrates ex p Pinochet* (No.3) [2000] 1 AC 147, 198A-E citing *Prosecutor v Furundzija* (unreported), 10 December 1998, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Case No. IT-95-17/1-T 10). Moreover, it is a norm which has two aspects: a right of individuals not to be tortured but also a duty upon States to take effective measures for the prevention of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Legislation

- 34. Torture and involvement in torture is a crime of universal jurisdiction. Under section 134 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, torture of anyone, anywhere in the world, is a crime.
- 35. Complicity in torture also involves the commission of criminal offences under the International Criminal Courts Act 2001.¹ The material provisions are as follows:
 - s. 51 Genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes
 - (1) It is an offence against the law of England and Wales for a person to commit genocide, a crime against humanity or a war crime.

¹ The 2001 came into force on 1 September 2001 pursuant to Article 2 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001 (Commencement) Order 2001 SI 2001/2161.

- (2) This section applies to acts committed:
 - (a) in England or Wales, or
 - (b) outside the United Kingdom by a United Kingdom national, a United Kingdom resident or a person subject to United Kingdom service jurisdiction...
- s.52 Conduct ancillary to genocide, etc committed outside jurisdiction
- (1) It is an offence against the law of England and Wales for a person to engage in conduct ancillary to an act to which this section applies.
- (2) This section applies to an act that if committed in England or Wales would constitute -
 - (a) an offence under section 51 (genocide, crime against humanity or war crime), or
 - (b) an offence under this section

but which, being committed (or intended to be committed) outside England and Wales, does not constitute such an offence...

- s. 55 Meaning of ancillary offence
- (1) References in this Part to an ancillary offence under the law of England and Wales are to:
 - (a) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence,
 - (b) inciting a person to commit an offence
 - (c) attempting or conspiring to commit an offence, or
 - (d) assisting an offender or concealing the commission of an offence.
- 36. A war crime is defined by section 50(2) to be a war crime as defined by Article 8.2 of the ICC statute as set out in schedule 8 to the Act. In so far as material Article 8.2 provides:

For the purpose of this Statute, 'war crimes' means:

- (a) Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, namely, any of the following acts against persons or property protected under the provisions of the relevant Geneva Conventions:
 - (ii) Torture or inhuman treatment, including biological experiments;
 - (iii) Wilfully causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or health;
 - (vi) Wilfully depriving a prisoner of war or other protected person of the rights of fair and regular trial;
 - (vii) Unlawful deportation or transfer or unlawful confinement;
- 37. The scope of the 2001 Act is very wide. Aiding or abetting torture, assisting an offender who has committed torture or concealing the commission of torture are war crimes. Similarly, aiding and abetting or assisting in the unlawful confinement of a person or the deprivation of a fair or regular trial amount to war crimes.

Grounds

- 38. It is well-established common law principle that a person (or state body) that becomes mixed up in the wrongdoing of another comes under a duty to assist the victim of that wrongdoing by giving such information as he has about the wrongdoing. The classic statement of the principle is to be found in Lord Reid's speech in *Norwich Pharmacal v Commissioners for Customs and Excise* [1974] AC 133 at [175A-B]:
 - "... if through no fault of his own a person gets mixed up in the tortious acts of others so as to facilitate their wrong-doing he may incur no personal liability but he comes under a duty to assist the person who has been wronged by giving him full information and disclosing the identity of the wrongdoers. I do not think that it matters whether he became so mixed up by voluntary action on his part or because it was his duty to do what he did."

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- 39. In *Norwich Pharmacal*, HM Customs and Excise were ordered to disclose details of the importers of a drug, who were importing in breach of Norwich Pharmacal's intellectual property rights. They had only become 'mixed up' in the wrongdoing to the extent that pursuant to statute, they held records of the identity of the importer.
- 40. The most recent restatement of the principles by the House of Lords is its decision in *Ashworth Hospital Authority v MGN* [2002] 1 WLR 2033. The House of Lords held that there is no requirement that the person against whom the proceedings have been brought should be an actual wrongdoer who has committed some civil or criminal wrongful act. Where a person, albeit innocently, and without incurring any liability, becomes involved in a civil or criminal wrong committed of another, that person thereby comes under a duty to assist the person injured by those acts by giving him any information which he is able to give by way of discovery. While therefore the exercise of the jurisdiction does require that there should be a *prima facie* case of wrongdoing, the wrongdoing which is required is <u>not</u> that of the person against whom the proceedings are brought (per Lord Woolf at [26]) who may well be entirely innocent.
- 41. In R (Binyam Mohamed) v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs [2008] EWHC 2048 (Admin) the Divisional Court applied the Norwich Pharmacal jurisdiction in circumstances similar to the present case. The Court held that the UK security and intelligence services had become mixed up in alleged wrongdoing (torture, incommunicado detention and 'extraordinary rendition') by the US authorities and that disclosure should be given to the Claimant to assist him in his defence of charges before a US military commission.
- 42. The present case falls four square within the *Norwich Pharmacal* principles as applied in *Binyam Mohamed*:

- (1) Wrongdoing: There is an arguable case that Mr Madni has been the victim of grave criminal and civil wrongdoing, namely torture, war crimes and prolonged *incommunicado* detention:
 - a) US personnel carried out Mr Madni's rendition from Indonesia to Egypt in January 2002. The purpose of the transfer from Indonesia to Egypt was to facilitate Mr Madni's incommunicado detention and torture.
 - b) US personnel were complicit in Mr Madni's unlawful interrogation and detention in Egypt. In particular, US personnel were present at his interrogations on 11/12 January 2002 where he was given electric shocks to his body and was denied medical treatment for his injuries. Those personnel actively participated in his interrogation by supplying information and questions for him to his Egyptian interrogators.
 - c) Subsequently, Mr Madni continued to be subjected to torture alternatively cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment at Bagram and at Guantanamo Bay.
- (2) Mixed-up: The Secretary of State has become mixed up in the serious criminal and civil wrongdoing committed by US personnel:
 - a) The test for being mixed-up is whether the Secretary of State "became involved in the wrongdoing (even if innocently) by facilitating that wrongdoing" (Binyam Mohamed at [70]). Facilitation is a lower test than causation ("there is nothing that requires the involvement to be causative of the wrongdoing" Binyam Mohamed at [70b]). The relevant question is therefore:

"Did the United Kingdom Government through the [Secretary of State and his] agents become involved in or participate in the alleged wrongdoing through facilitating it? ... it is not necessary... to establish anything more than

innocent participation and certainly not knowledge of the alleged wrongdoing. However if a degree of knowledge were to be established, then the involvement or participation is the clearer" (*Binyam Mohamed* at [71-72]).

- The Secretary of State became mixed-up in and facilitated serious criminal and civil wrongdoing:
 - i) An officer of the Security and Intelligence Services interviewed Mr Madni during his detention in Guantanamo Bay, in circumstances when it must have been known by the Secretary of State that detainees were habitually being mistreated in an attempt to ensure their co-operation during interrogation.
 - ii) The Secretary of State failed to object or prevent US rendition flights from using Diego Garcia as a stopping off point.
- (3) Necessity: A Norwich Pharmacal order is normally sought to protect mere commercial interests. Here, the order is sought to enable action against those individuals who are alleged to have committed war crimes and torture. The information sought is necessary for several purposes. Mr Madni requires the above information to identify and secure the prosecution of individual criminal wrongdoers in the British Indian Ocean Territory, the United States and potentially in the United Kingdom. Without the information sought, Mr Madni is unable to demonstrate that he was rendered through Diego Garcia, identify the wrongdoers concerned or evidence their criminal conduct.

43. Mr Madni seeks disclosure of:

(1) All evidence held or in the control of the Secretary of State concerning Mr Madni's initial detention and transfer to Egypt from Indonesia, in particular:

- (a) Confirmation that Mr Madni was rendered through Diego Garcia on 11/12 January 2002 on board the Gulfstream V registered as N379P.
- (b) Full particulars of when the Secretary of State became aware of Mr Madni's detention, in particular whether they were aware of this at the time he was transferred through Diego Garcia.
- (c) The identity of all those on board N379P during the rendition flights referred to above.
- (d) The identity of all those UK and US personnel involved in the rendition flights referred to above.
- (e) All communications, documents and records (including flight records, fuelling records and immigration records of all those on board the aircraft) relating in any way to the movements of N379P through Diego Garcia.
- (f) All communications and records between the Secretary of State, the US authorities and HMG, relating in any way to Mr Madni's flight through Diego Garcia.
- (g) Details of what, if any, assurances were sought by the Secretary of State and/or offered by the Americans in relation to Mr Madni's transfer through Diego Garcia.
- (h) The identity of any UK or US personnel that saw or spoke to Mr Madni whilst he was being transferred through Diego Garcia and their identities.
- (g) Any evidence corroborating Mr Madni's account of his rendition and torture.

- (2) All evidence held by the Secretary of State concerning Mr Madni's detention in Cairo and subsequent transfer to, and detention in, Bagram and Guantanamo, in particular:
 - (a) Any records and communications, including photographs, corroborating Mr Madni's account of these experiences;
 - (b) The identity of the US and UK agents involved in his interrogation, detention and torture, as set out above;
 - (c) Details of if and when any other US or UK personnel saw or spoke to Mr Madni at any time between his apprehension in January 2002 and his release on 31 August 2008.
- 44. Each of these requests is necessary and justified and within the scope of a proper Norwich Pharmacal application. See *Binyam Mohamed* at [133-138].
- 45. Finally, the Court should exercise its discretion to make a Norwich Pharamcal order. The public interest in the disclosure to the victim of evidence of torture or inhuman and degrading treatment is overwhelming. The prohibition on torture is a rule of *jus cogens*. Without the disclosure sought, there is no realistic prospect of the individuals who have committed torture or been complicit in it being brought to account. See *Binyam Mohamed* at [142-143].
- 46. The Secretary of State has been requested to provide the information sought by letter dated 13 July 2009. Further, the Claimant requested that immediate steps be taken to ensure that relevant materials were preserved from loss or destruction. No substantive response has been received to either request.
- 47. The Treasury Solicitor wrote to solicitors for the Claimant on 31 July 2009 suggesting that "urgent enquiries" were being made, but no indication was given as to when a substantive reply would be forthcoming. In the absence of any indication of when a proper response would be provided, these proceedings have been issued.

- 48. The failure of the Secretary of State to respond to the request for information and evidence and to provide evidence to Mr Madni's lawyers about his torture is irrational applying ordinary public law principles. No reasonable person, giving proper consideration to the importance as a matter of legal policy of preventing the use of evidence obtained by torture could properly refuse to provide a prompt and substantive response to Mr Madni's request. The Court is invited to make a mandatory order requiring the Secretary of State to consider and respond substantively to Mr Madni's request.
- 49. To the extent that the information sought genuinely remains secret, Mr Madni is willing to agree appropriate security measures to protect the information from wider disclosure.

Conclusion

50. The Court is invited to grant permission and direct the provision of the information set out above.

BEN JAFFEY

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