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## **Baha Mousa's death 'a stain on our values'**

Following today's publication of the Baha Mousa Inquiry, which catalogues a host of failings by the armed forces and the Ministry of Defence, JUSTICE today said the lessons to be learnt from Baha Mousa's death went beyond the 73 recommendations made by Sir William Gage.

Eric Metcalfe, JUSTICE's director of human rights policy, said:

**The brutal death of an innocent man at the hands of British soldiers is a stain on the very values our armed forces were meant to protect.**

**The army not only forgot the lessons of its past in Northern Ireland, but its promises too.**

**This shameful episode illustrates what can happen when public bodies fail to put respect for human rights at the heart of their work.**

## **Notes for Editors**

On 13 September, the Director of JUSTICE, Roger Smith OBE will chair the annual Baha Mousa Memorial Lecture, to be given at the LSE by Professor James Crawford of Cambridge University.