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Dear Mr Moray Hathorn,

Re: Supplementary Report: Ahmed Timol inquest

I have been requested to provide my opinion on 2 additional scenarios in respect of possible trajectories of the late Mr Timol. Two excerpts were emailed to me to review and give my opinion:

1. Mr Rodrigues's oral testimony that Mr Timol, after opening the window, dived out of the window from a standing position in room 1026;
2. An extract from Mr Gordon Winter's book, Inside BOSS, describes two officers holding Mr Timol with his head in a downward pointing position outside the window of room 1026 and after Mr Timol kicked one of the officers, both officers released him.

In both these versions of how Mr Timol might have exited the window, I will assume the following:

1. His body was orientated vertically, with his head lower than his legs (head first),
2. He would have had almost no forward or horizontal impulse force;

Dive out the window

In my opinion, if the late Mr Timol dived out of the window as per Rodrigues' latest testimony, it is important to know the launch angle and how Mr Timol would have generated an impulse force to thrust his body forward.

Mr Rodrigues would have to describe whether the late Mr Timol first climbed onto the window sill and then dived using a similar action to a swimmer or if he raised his body through the window using his hands and legs and once his centre of mass was out of the window gravity took over and accelerated him towards the ground.

In the latter situation, he would have not been able to generate a forward/horizontal impulse force that would have thrust him 3.0 metres away from the building. He would have landed much closer to the building and would have impacted the ground with his head. There is a high probability that he would have struck the concrete light well adjoining the bottom of the building, or part thereof.

However, if he dived like a swimmer from the window ledge he would have travelled further away from the building similar to him jumping.

Strictly speaking neither situation involves a clean dive from the floor of the office. Both scenarios involve initial lifts to get onto the window sill. I find it unclear how Mr Timol would have been able to execute a clean dive from standing on the floor through the window. Given the specifications of the window height above the floor, the office dimensions and the arrangement of furniture it is highly unlikely this happened, even assuming that he had the athletic ability to execute such a manoeuvre.

Drop out the window

In my opinion, if the late Mr Timol was held by his legs and clothing vertically outside the window and dropped by the security officers, he would have not been able to generate a forward/horizontal impulse force to thrust him 3.0 metres away from the building. He would have landed next to the building and would have probably impacted the ground with his head. There is a high probability that he would have hit the concrete light well adjoining the bottom of the building, or part thereof.

I should add that due to space constraints it would have been exceedingly difficult for 2 adults to hold Mr. Timol out the window, and torment him as described in the Gordon Winter book. This is due to the fact that when the window is fully opened, it provides very limited space. The left side aperture is only 43.5 cm and the right-side aperture is 27.5 cm. Analysing the window opening, there is concrete pillar on the left side and the window extended 27.5cm into the room on the right side because the window hinge point is 27.5 cm from the right of the window. The 2 men would have been confined by the concrete pillar on the left and the window protruding inside on the right resulting in both of their upper bodies (and possibly part of the late Mr Timol's legs) being squeezed into a 44cm space to hold the late Mr Timol outside the window.



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