

THE GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF FARHAD NEDA
FLAT 205 23RD FLOOR**

I, **FARHAD NEDA** (my name on the Core Participant list is recorded as “Shekeb Neda” but I prefer to be known as “Farhad”), of [REDACTED] **WILL SAY** as follows:-

1. I am a core participant in the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry and a survivor of the fire on 14 June 2017.
2. I have already submitted a witness statement dated 6 June 2018 and this is recorded as document IWS00000886.
3. I wish to make this supplementary statement to address the transcript, document INQ0000041, which has been disclosed by the Inquiry in respect of a telephone call I made to The Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (‘TMO’) on the night of 14 June 2017.
4. In my statement dated 6 June 2018, I state that I telephoned the TMO at some point between 01:00 am and 01:15 am. I have now been presented with a copy of the telephone call transcript, which confirms that I made the call to the TMO at 01:10 am and the call lasted 1 minute and 17 seconds.

5. I note the transcript states that I informed the TMO that the vents were faulty, however, I believe I also informed the operator that we would not be able to sleep that night due to the loud noise from the vents on our floor and that I had to be up early in the morning or something along those lines. Neither of these two points are in the transcript.
6. I also recall the operator asking me to explain what the noise was like. It was difficult to explain and so whilst I was on the phone to the out of hours TMO representative I walked out of our flat and took my phone out on to the landing so that the operator could hear the noise for herself. I note that this is not recorded on the transcript either.
7. I recall the operator informing me that she had already received calls and I assumed it was about the fan as this was the problem I was reporting. I do not recall her informing me about the fire alarms during that call as this is something I would have questioned as there were no fire alarms going off.
8. This transcript suggests that the operator was not aware of the problems with the fan until I called and reported it. It appears that the help that was coming was not a TMO engineer to fix the fans as I had thought at the time but the fire brigade as they were aware of the fire by that point.
9. I also wish to add further information regarding my exit from the tower. I did not see anyone whilst my mum and I were walking down the stairs of Grenfell Tower. As I have explained in my witness statement dated 6 June 2018, I could not see anything in the stairwell. It was pitch black due to the thickness of the smoke in the stairwell. I did not see faces of any of the people who were on the stairwell, I could only hear people struggling to breathe and gasping for air.
10. Since making my statement dated 6 June 2018, I have found messages on my mobile phone from Mojda Habib, who lived on the 3rd floor of Grenfell Tower. Mojda sent me a picture of the outside of the tower via Whatsapp at 1.44 am along with text messages which I Exhibit at FN1, she also sent me a video of the outside of the tower at 1.58 am along with further text messages which I Exhibit at FN2.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I confirm that I am willing that the statement forms part of the evidence before the Inquiry, and may be published on the Inquiry's website, save for redactions indicated in the text, and those applied by the Inquiry.

Signed: فردوس

Farhad Neda

Dated: 16 OCTOBER 2018

Witness Name: Farhad NEDA

Statement No: 2

Dated: 16 October 2018

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF FARHAD NEDA
EXHIBIT FN1**



Mojda Habib



14 Jun 2017



This is the outside

01:45

I told my bro in law to tell the ppl

01:45

It's the other side of the building

01:54

Ur side is still safe

01:54

Open the window to get smoke out then close again

01:54

If u think it will cause anything

01:54



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EXHIBIT FN2



Mojda Habib



Ur side is still safe 01:54

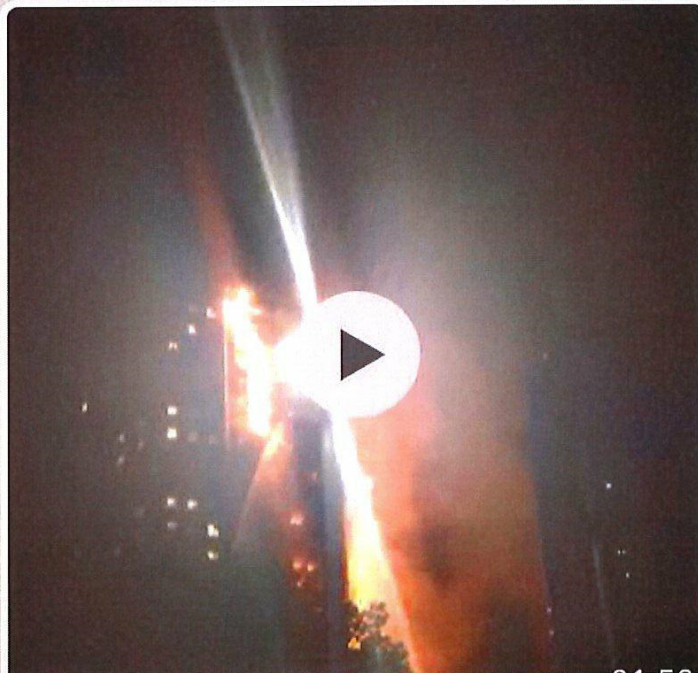
Open the window to get smoke out then close again 01:54

If u think it will cause anything 01:54

But they will evacuate u guys 01:55

It's not on ur side or our side of building yet 01:55

It's on the gym side 01:55





Mojda Habib



That's the outside 01:58

Please keep me updated 01:58

The fire is reaching us 01:58 ✓✓

They need to get here quick 01:58 ✓✓

Our noses are full of black smoke 01:59 ✓✓

I told him get wet towel and wrap around ur mouth and nose 02:00

All of u 02:00

We are 02:00 ✓✓

Good I am updating him and telling him 02:00

We are getting worried 02:00

Is there any hope? 02:01 ✓✓





All OT U 02:00

We are 02:00 ✓✓

Good I am updating him and telling him 02:00

We are getting worried 02:00 ✓✓

Is there any hope? 02:01 ✓✓

I'm calling him 02:01

He's gonna call u 02:02

Now 02:02

Pick up 02:02

Hi I'm we are still in contact with my bro in law they said to check hospitals cause they might have taken him in ambulance already 05:17

Please keep calm hopefully everything will be ok 05:17



27 Jun 2017

