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FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT EXTRACTS FROM PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH ON 19 FEB  
BEGINS.

MR. DRIEBERG. ONE STORY IN PARTICULAR CONCERNS THE LAMENTED DEATH OF  
BRIGADIER MALLABY. THAT WAS ANNOUNCED TO US AS A FOUR MURDER AND WE  
ACCEPTED IT AS SUCH. I HAVE LEARNED FROM OFFICERS WHO WERE PRESENT WHEN  
IT HAPPENED THE EXACT DETAILS AND IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT BRIGADIER  
MALLABY WAS NOT MURDERED BUT WAS HONOURABLY KILLED IN ACTION. THERE IS  
OBVIOUSLY ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD BETWEEN THE TWO THINGS.  
THE INCIDENT WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED – AS SUCH INCIDENTS ARE – BUT IT  
TOOK PLACE IN AND NEAR UNION SQUARE IN SOURABAYA. THERE HAD BEEN  
DISCUSSION ABOUT A TRUCE EARLIER IN THE DAY. A LARGE CROWD OF INDONESIANS  
EXICTED STATE. ABOUT 20 INDIANS IN A BUILDING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SQUARE  
HAD BEEN CUT OFF FROM TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION AND DID NOT KNOW ABOUT  
THE TRUCE. THEY WERE FIRING SPORADICALLY ON THE MOB. BRIGADIER MALLABY  
CAME OUT FROM THE DISCUSSIONS WALKED STRAIGHT INTO THE CROWD WITH GREAT  
COURAGE AND SHOUTED TO THE INDIANS TO CEASE FIRE. THEY OBEYED HIM.  
POSSIBLY HALF AN HOUR LATER THE MOB IN THE SQUARE BECAME TURBULENT  
AGAIN. BRIGADIER MALLABY AT A CERTAIN POINT IN THE PROCEEDINGS ORDERED THE  
INDIANS TO OPEN FIRE AGAIN. THEY OPENED FIRE WITH TWO BREN GUNS AND THE  
MOB DISPERSED AND WENT TO COVER THEN FIGHTING BROKE OUT AGAIN IN GOOD  
EARNEST. THE TRUCE WAS IN FACT BROKEN AT ANY RATE LOCALLY. TWENTY  
MINUTES TO HALF AN HOUR LATER THAT HE WAS MOST UNFORTUNATELY KILLED IN  
HIS CAR – ALTHOUGH OR BY A GRENADE THROWN BY AN INDIAN OFFICER AT SOME  
INDONESIANS WHO WERE APPROCHING HIS CAR WHICH EXPLODED SIMULTANEOUSLY  
WITH THE ATTACK ON HIM.

THOSE ARE THE ACTUAL FACTS OF BRIGADIER MALLABYS DEATH. I AM SORRY TO  
HAVE INFLICTED THEM ON THE HOUSE AT SUCH LENGTH BUT MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND  
DID ASK ME TO DO SO AND I DO NOT THINK THAT THEY AMOUNT TO A CHARGE OF  
FOUL MURDER AGAINST PEOPLE IN AN EXTREMELY DELICATE SITUATION IN WHICH WE  
DO NOT WANT TO USE LANGUAGE LIKELY TO EXAGGERATE IT. ENDS...

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