**Learning to fly (or dangle) in Iraq**

**The importance of being attached while climbing…**

A four-man team of Nokia contractors was conducting rigging works on a 70m   
lattice tower.

They were installing a cable approximately 35m above the ground when a section of the platform they were standing on became loose and fell to the ground.



Thankfully, a drop zone had been defined and maintained.

No one was hurt from the falling object.

The engineer, who watched the section of tower fall below him, was attached by a full body harness and a lanyard.

This stopped him falling and saved his life.

**What did we learn?**

* There are sometimes things outside of our control, in this case the failure of   
  the structure…
* …but if we ensure that our life saving rules are followed, we will keep people safe.

The management team and contractor had done a fantastic job:

* The team were well trained.
* They had the right equipment.
* They were working safely - the engineer was attached and there was a drop zone   
  in place.



**Always attach yourself and your equipment  
when working at height.**