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Statistical News Release

Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation - arrests, outcomes, stops and searches, Great Britain, 2010/11:

This statistical bulletin brings together information on terrorism arrests, outcomes and stop and searches, court appeals, port examinations and police cordons.

Terrorism Arrests & Outcomes:

- The number of terrorism arrests fell from 178 in 2009/10 to 121 in 2010/11. This compares with an annual average since 2002/03 of 206.
- Thirty-seven per cent of terrorism arrests in 2010/11 resulted in a charge. Of these, 42 per cent were under terrorism legislation.
- In 2010/11 no individuals were held in pre-charge detention for longer than 7 days. Six people have been held for the then maximum period of 28 days, since the extension of the pre-charge detention period in 2006. The maximum period for pre-charge detention was reduced to 14 days on 25 January 2011.
- Two hundred and forty-six suspects have been convicted of a terrorism related offence since 11 September 2001. All three of those individuals arrested and prosecuted in 2010/11 for terrorism related offences were convicted. Thirteen defendants were awaiting trial as at 31 March 2011.
- Eighty-eight per cent of defendants tried in 2010/11 for terrorism related offences were convicted.
- Between 2007/8 and 2010/11 there were 58 appeals for terrorism convictions with seven convictions quashed and 27 in which the sentence was varied (including 4 where the sentence was increased).
- There were 119 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) at 31 March 2011 classified as terrorists. This total comprised 97 terrorism related prisoners (including 4 historic cases), as well as 22 domestic extremists.

Stops and searches under s43 and s44 Terrorism Act 2000:

- In 2010/11, 9,652 stops and searches were made under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000, a fall of 91 per cent on 2009/10. This coincides with the repeal of s44 and its replacement with s47a.
- In 2010/11 1,154 stops and searches were carried out by the Metropolitan Police Service under section 43 of the Act, a six per cent decrease since 2009/10.

Port examinations under Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000

- In 2010/11 65,684 persons were stopped and examined in a border area in Great Britain under the powers under Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000. Of these, 2,288 persons were held for over one hour.

Police cordons under s33 Terrorism Act 2000

- There were 41 police cordons under terrorism legislation in 2010/11.

Notes to editors

This statistical bulletin has been developed from the Terrorism arrests and outcomes 2009/10 statistical bulletin by extending coverage to include data on the ethnicity of persons examined under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 for the period up to 31 March 2011.

Although the statistics enclosed in the publication are not classified as National Statistics the publication arrangements for this report are in line with these procedures.

It is planned to have a first quarter bulletin covering April to June 2011 published in early 2012.

The report is available online through the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the Home Office Research, Development and Statistics website.

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