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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, quarterly update to September 2012

This statistical release brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes and stops and searches.

Terrorism arrests and outcomes:

- There were 245 terrorism arrests in the 12 months to September 2012, up from 153 in the previous 12 months and a total of 2,291 since 11 September 2001.
- Of those arrested in the 12 months to September 2012, 45 persons (or 18%) were charged with a terrorism-related offence and, of these, 10 were convicted of a terrorism-related offence (including Schedule 7 offences); 25 of those arrested were awaiting trial as at 18 January 2013.
- On 30 September 2012 there were 134 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) classified as terrorists or domestic extremists.

Stops and searches under sections 43 and 47A Terrorism Act 2000:

- There has as yet been no use of the new stop and search powers under s47A of the Terrorism Act 2000 since they were formally brought into use in March 2011.
- In the 12 months to 30 September 2012, 720 persons were stopped and searched by the Metropolitan Police Service under s43 of the Act, a 41 per cent decrease over the previous 12 months.

Notes to editors

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.

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 18 January 2013, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

It is currently planned to have a 2012/13 third quarter bulletin covering October to December 2012 published in June 2013.

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

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