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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 30 June 2013.

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

Terrorism arrests and outcomes:

- There were 242 terrorism arrests in the 12 months to June 2013, up from 232 in the previous 12 months. In total, there have been 2,465 terrorism arrests since 11 September 2001.
- Forty-nine per cent of terrorism arrests in the 12 months to June 2013 resulted in a charge. Of these, 31 per cent were considered terrorism-related.
- All individuals arrested and prosecuted for terrorism-related offences in the 12 months to June 2013 were convicted (20 persons). Three hundred and thirty two persons have been convicted of a terrorism-related offence since 11 September 2001. Nineteen persons were awaiting prosecution as at 30 June 2013.
- Data provided by the Crown Prosecution Service show that 40 of the 44 trials completed in the year ending 30 June 2013 for terrorism-related offences resulted in convictions.
- There were 128 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) at 30 June 2013 classified as terrorists. This total comprised 100 terrorism-related prisoners, 1 Northern Ireland Related prisoner and 27 domestic extremists.
- The last remaining historic terrorism prisoner (whose conviction pre-dated the Terrorism Act 2000), was released during the April to June 2013 quarter.

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

- In the 12 months to June 2013, no stops and searches were made under s47A of the Terrorism Act 2000. This follows the repeal of s44 and its replacement with s47A.
- In the 12 months to June 2013, 568 stops and searches were carried out by the Metropolitan Police Service under s43 of the Act, a 16 per cent decrease on the previous 12 months.

Port examinations under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000

- A total of 55,037 persons were stopped at ports in Great Britain under Schedule 7 of TACT in the year ending 30 June 2013, a fall of 10% on the previous year. In total, 650 persons were detained after a Schedule 7 examination in the year ending 30 June 2013.

Notes to editors

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

It is currently planned to have a second quarter bulletin covering July to September 2013 published in March 2014.

The report is available online through the UK Statistics Authority website as well as the GOV.UK website.

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