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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, year ending March 2014

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

Terrorism arrests and outcomes

In the year ending March 2014:

- There were 230 persons arrested for terrorism-related offences, down from 252 in the previous year.
- Fifty-two per cent of terrorism arrests resulted in a charge. Of these, 62% were terrorism-related.
- A third of those arrested for terrorism-related offences were detained for less than 2 days and 98% were detained for 7 days or less.
- Twenty-eight of the 74 persons arrested and charged with terrorism-related offences were proceeded against. Of these, 27 were convicted and 44 were awaiting trial.
- Data provided by the Crown Prosecution Service shows that 86% of defendants tried for terrorism-related offences were convicted.
- Seven appeals for terrorism convictions/sentence variations were concluded; each was dismissed by the courts.
- Additionally, there were 154 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) at 31 March 2014 classified as terrorists/extremists. This total comprised 106 terrorism-related prisoners as well as 48 domestic extremists.

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

In the year ending March 2014:

- There were no stops and searches were made under s47A of the Terrorism Act 2000. This follows the repeal of s44 and its replacement with s47A.
- A total of 450 stops and searches were carried out by the Metropolitan Police Service under s43 of the Act, a 23 per cent decrease since the previous year.

Port examinations under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000

- In the year ending March 2014, 44,118 persons were stopped and examined in a border area in Great Britain under the powers under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000. Of these, 1,187 were held for over one hour.

Police cordons under section 33 of the Terrorism Act 2000

- There were 16 police cordons under terrorism legislation in the year ending March 2014, up from 12 in the previous year.

Notes to editors

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 7 July 2014, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

A first quarter release covering arrests and outcomes up to 30 June 2014 is scheduled to be published in late 2014.

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

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