

Investigations into allegations of UK Forces mistreatment of Afghan Nationals

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1	10/03/2010	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Child	On 10 Mar 10 a soldier from 1Gren Gds is alleged to have stabbed an Afghan child. The family of the child refused medical treatment.	The soldier went to Court Martial and was found guilty of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and was sentenced to dismissal from HM Forces and 18 months detention.
2	30/05/2010	Murder/ Manslaughter	Male	Adult	On 30 May 10, the Brigade Reconnaissance Force were tasked to locate a suspected insurgent who had fired on ISAF Forces. The insurgent was discovered within a compound and fired a rifle at members of the callsign, whilst he made his way into an irrigation ditch nearby. As the callsign approached the ditch, the insurgent pointed his rifle towards them and therefore two members of the callsign shot the insurgent to the chest. Due to an anticipated further attack from other insurgents, biometrics were obtained by the removal of the deceased insurgent's head. It was identified that the personnel involved were from 1RGR	Case discontinued by the Service Prosecuting Authority as there was no realistic prospect of conviction.
3	18/06/2010	Shooting Incident	Male	Adult	On 18 June 10 whilst digging in a field a local man was shot several times to his chest and abdomen. The shots are believed to be fired by a soldier in 1 MERCIAN who was on sangar duties at the time of the incident. Medical treatment was provided by UK forces, but there is danger to life.	Soldier reported for murder. After carefully considering the case the independent Service Prosecuting Authority decided not to prosecute.
4	19/09/2010	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 20 Sep 10, information was received that on 19 Sep 10, an Afghan was apprehended by members of HM Forces, accompanied by ANA personnel. Following the arrival at the THF, the detainee alleged that during his apprehension he had been assaulted by ISAF and ANA personnel.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006
5	16/01/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 16 January 2011 an Afghan man was detained. He later alleged that he had been head butted by an unknown ISAF soldier causing an abrasion to his forehead and nose. A subsequent complaint was made by a second Afghan man who was arrested at the same time. The second man alleged that he was kicked by an unidentified ISAF soldier.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
6	28/02/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	On 28 February 2011 an Afghan man was detained. He later alleged that he had been assaulted by persons unknown at his point of capture. There are no visible injuries.	When interviewed the Afghan man stated he had never complained about being assaulted by ISAF forces and believes the interpreter had incorrectly translated what he had said. The man further explained ISAF had treated him well from his point of capture and throughout his detention.
7	11/03/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On 12 Mar 11, a complaint was received from an Afghan who had been detained on 11 Mar 11. The Afghan alleged that at his point of capture he was taken into a room and punched and kicked, inducing a heart attack which rendered him unconscious by person(s) unknown.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.

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8	21/03/2011	Other	Not known	Unknown	On 21 April 11 information was received that British service personnel on Op HERRICK 14 had considered it reasonable to cut the fingers from Enemy Killed in Action for the purposes of forensic exploitation. It was later identified that the personnel involved were from 5 SCOTS.	Soldiers were referred for the war crime of Outrages Upon Personal Dignity. After carefully considering the case the Service Prosecution Authority decided not to prosecute.
9	31/03/2011	Theft	Male	Unknown	On 23 July 11 it was reported that an LEC interpreter had not received his monthly wages for March 11. On checking the pay records the interpreter's pay had been signed for however the signature does not appear to correspond to the interpreter's. The missing money is \$1238 USD.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
10	23/04/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	An Afghan man has alleged that on Sat 23 Apr 11 HM Forces personnel used excessive force to restrain him after he refused to comply with an instruction to remain inside the holding area. As a result of being brought down and held against the ground, the Afghan man stated that he sustained redness and pain to the area of his chest and left wrist.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
11	14/05/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	On Sat 14 May 11, an Afghan man alleged that when a blindfold was placed over his head, the elastic band stretched and the blindfold was allowed to snap against his face. As a consequence of this, he did not sustain any injuries.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
12	13/06/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	An Afghan detainee complained about an incident on Mon 13 Jun 11 when his hair was pulled by a member of HM Forces. The Afghan man was medically examined following the allegation and there were no visible signs of injury. During his interview with the Service police he confirmed the incident had taken place adding that the same individual had pulled his hair and slapped him round the back of the head whilst he was taking a shower approximately three weeks earlier.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
13	19/06/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	On 19 Jun 11, an Afghan man, was detained by ISAF. On Mon 20 Jun 11, during the man's continued detention, he alleged at his point of detention he had been slapped in the face and kicked in the back by unidentified soldiers believed to be members of ISAF. As a result of the incident he sustained minor bruising to his left shoulder.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
14	30/06/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	An Afghan man, (formerly a detainee), complained that whilst in UK detention during Jun 11, he was physically assaulted by his interrogator.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.

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15	31/07/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On 31 Jul 11, an Afghan man was detained by ISAF. On Wed 3 Aug 11, during his continued detention the Afghan man stated when arrested, he had been struck by a member of the ANP and when he was later handed over to ISAF, person(s) unknown poked him in the throat during questioning.	Enquiries into the allegation were made, however, no evidence was identified which suggested that a person subject to Service law had committed an offence.
16	05/08/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)		Unknown	On 5 Aug 11, there was an allegation of assault upon four local national youths by HM Forces personnel. On that day the youths were observed causing damage to a foot bridge. After ignoring the sangar sentry's repeated calls to stop their conduct, the youths were requested to come to the Checkpoint by the unit interpreter, where as a form of punishment they were allegedly punched, slapped and kicked by the HM Forces Personnel. As a result of this alleged incident, two of the youths reportedly sustained minor injuries amounting to scratches to their face and arms.	The independent service prosecuting authority determined that no further proceedings will be taken at this time in respect to the case.
17	05/08/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On Fri 5 Aug 11, an Afghan man was detained by ISAF. The Afghan man stated that when arrested, he had been kicked in the back/leg by an ISAF soldier.	Enquiries into the allegation were made, however, no evidence was identified which suggested that a person subject to Service law had committed an offence.
18	12/08/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On 12 Aug 11, an Afghan man had been detained by members of ISAF. He alleged at his point of detention he was pushed out of a vehicle on to the ground; as a result he sustained minor injuries to his knees and nose.	Enquiries into the allegation were made, however, no evidence was identified which suggested that a person subject to Service law had committed an offence.
19	15/11/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 15 January 2012, an Afghan national complained that on 15 November 2011 he had been assaulted by soldiers involved in his detention.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
20	29/11/2011	Other	Male	Unknown	On 29 Nov 11, a number of Afghan males had been observed behaving in a manner suggestive of their involvement in seeding Improvised Explosive Devices (IED). Following the deployment of members of HM Forces, the Afghan males fled the scene across open ground. Examination of the recorded footage revealed that having split up as they fled, one of the males, was pursued by one of the vehicles. The footage depicts the pursuit and shows how the vehicle, driven at speed and altering its direction as it travelled, reached and subsequently struck an Afghan man. As a result of the collision, the man was admitted to the Field Hospital, MOB BASTION, with significant injuries.	After carefully considering the case the independent Service Prosecuting Authority decided not to prosecute.

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21	12/12/2011	Other		Child	<p>On 10 Jan 12 information was received about 2 incidents involving 1 YORKS personnel:</p> <p>-On 12 December 11 while on a foot patrol a soldier was observed placing a 3 to 4 year old local national boy on his knee and subsequently force the child's hand towards his genitalia.</p> <p>-In a later patrol the same multiple stopped adjacent to some Afghan compounds where the same soldier was observed pulling the arm of a 7 to 8 year old local national girl. Having managed to drag the child towards him, the soldier was seen to force her hand towards his genitalia.</p> <p>Recordings are believed to have been taken of at least one of the incidents.</p>	<p>Three Soldiers were referred to the Service Prosecuting Authority. The case went to Court Martial.</p> <p>-Soldier X pleaded guilty to two charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order and service discipline. He was sentenced to be fined £1000.</p> <p>-Soldier Y pleaded guilty to a racially aggravated offence likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress under the Crime and Disorder Act. He was sentenced to be reduced in rank.</p> <p>- Soldier Z was cleared of the charge of failing to perform a duty.</p> <p>REPORTING RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THIS CASE REQUIRING THAT ALL THE SOLDIERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS.</p>
22	18/12/2011	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 18 Dec 11 an Afghan male was allegedly assaulted whilst being detained by members of ISAF.	The Afghan man did not wish to make a formal complaint and refused consent to divulge his details to the Afghan authorities. This case concluded without referral in 2012.
23	01/01/2012	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 6 Jan 12, an Afghan national had complained that on 1 January 2012, he had been assaulted by soldiers involved in his detention.	Enquiries into this case were completed and the evidential sufficiency test considered, however, it was decided that there was insufficient evidence to charge any person with any Service offence.
24	12/01/2012	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	It was reported that on 12 Jan 12, an Interpreter at 2 RGR had been assaulted on two separate occasions by 4 members of 2 RGR. As a result of the incidents the interpreter sustained swelling and bruising to the left side of his forehead and right eye, bruising and 2 cuts to the bridge of his nose and a swollen lower lip with two cuts inside his mouth.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
25	09/02/2012	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Adult	On 9 Feb 12, an Afghan man complained that he had been assaulted by a member of HM Forces.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
26	21/03/2012	Shooting Incident	Female	Unknown	On 21 Mar 12, an allegation was made by the residents of an Afghan village that an Afghan female had been killed during a deliberate strike operation conducted earlier that day.	It was deemed the strike was conducted appropriately within the Rules of Engagement and there was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.

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27	26/05/2012	RTA			On 25 May 12, a MOD Vehicle driven by a Soldier with CSLR, collided with an oncoming Afghan civilian vehicle, occupied by 2 x Local Nationals (LN's). As a result of the collision, one of the LN passengers died at the scene, whilst the other passenger was transported to the R3 Hospital (UK), MOB BASTION, , where he succumbed to his injuries.	The suspect was referred for 2 cases of causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving contrary to Section 2B Road Traffic Act 1988. After carefully considering the case the independent Service Prosecuting Authority decided not to prosecute.
28	26/08/2012	Other	Male		Following the detention of an Afghan man on 26 August 12, he alleged that he had been assaulted and threatened during his capture.	The Afgan man later withdrew his consent for the the service police to obtain any medical evidence and refused to cooperate with further enquiries into his allegations. Due to this no further active enquiries were conducted in relation to the allegations.
29	07/09/2012	Murder/ Manslaughter	Male		On Fri 7 Sep 12, information was received from the civilian Police Force that potential head cam footage showing the apparent abuse of an Afghan National was identified. The computer was recovered from a Royal Marine who deployed with 42 Cdo, on OP HERRICK 14.	Five suspects were referred for Murder (referred to during Court Martial proceedings as Marines A, B, C, D and E). The cases against Marines D & E were discontinued. Marines B and C were acquitted. Marine A was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment to serve minimum 10 years. On appeal to the Court Martial Appeal Court Marine A's sentence was reduced to serve a minimum of 8 years.
30	13/10/2012	Battery	Male	Unknown	On Sat 13 Oct 12, an Afghan man being held in UK detention had complained that he had earlier that day been kicked in the groin area by a member of HM Forces. He refused a medical exam at the time meaning than no signs of trauma could be documented.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
31	21/01/2013	Other	Male	Unknown	An Afghan man stated that on 19 Jan 13, whilst he was being held in detention, he was deliberately kept awake by an unknown ISAF soldier, who consistently tapped his feet throughout his guard duty; which subsequently prevented him from sleeping.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
32	05/02/2013	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On 4 Feb 13, it is alleged that a Afghan male being held in UK detention attempted to break out. HM Forces took action to prevent his escape. The Afghan male became aggressive and used force against them. The HM Forces Personnel responded by restraining him, handcuffing him to the front until he calmed down. The Afghan male alleged that, whilst being restrained, his hair was pulled, he was struck on the thigh and punched in the eye and mouth (causing him to sustain a chipped front tooth).	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
33	10/04/2013	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	On 10 Apr 13, an Afghan male, being held in UK detention, alleged that he sustained a bruised calf and was struck on his shoulders by UK personnel whilst being moved.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.

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34	10/06/2013	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male		An Afghan man alleged that on Mon 10 Jun 13, whilst being held in UK detention, he had been pushed and kicked by a member of HM Forces.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
35	22/01/2014	Offence Against a Person (GBH/ABH/Bat)	Male	Unknown	An Afghan man alleged that at his point of capture he was taken outside of his compound for questioning and assaulted. He alleged that he was made to sit on the ground and was then slapped in the face by a Pashtu speaking male. He further alleged that a second, unidentified male used a rifle to apply pressure to his right knee.	There was insufficient evidence for the case to be referred under section 116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.
36	26/01/2014	Other	Male	Unknown	On 25 Jan 14, it was alleged that an RAF airman had pointed his pistol at a local national driver, whilst he was being processed for entry in to a camp.	The airman was referred to his commanding officer for threatening behaviour and disobedience to lawful commands. The case was dealt with through the RAF Chain of Command and was found to be proved on 12 June 14. The airman was fined £220.