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Statistical News Release

Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes and stop and search, Great Britain, quarterly updated to December 2016

This statistical release brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes, prison populations, stop and search, and port examinations.

Terrorism arrests and outcomes

Arrests for terrorism-related offences fell by 8% in the year ending December 2016 compared with the previous year (from 282 to 260 arrests). Although the number of arrests has fallen, it is still relatively high when compared with other recent years.

Arrests for terrorism-related offences, Great Britain

Source: NCTPO (see data table A.01).

Notes:
1. Figures for the year ending 31 March 2002 include data from 11 September 2001 onwards only.
2. 'Other legislation' includes arrests under non-terrorism legislation, such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.
Court proceedings

There were 62 trials completed by the Crown Prosecution Service Counter Terrorism Division (CPS CTD) in the year ending December 2016. Of these, 54 (87%) led to a conviction.

Terrorist and extremist/separatist prisoners

There are currently no persons in custody for domestic extremism/separatism as at 31 December 2016, a fall from 25 in the previous year. This is either due to individuals being released from custody or to cases being reviewed and offences no longer being considered as domestic extremism but terrorism-related.

As at 31 December 2016, there were 183 persons in custody for terrorism-related offences. This was an increase from 143 in custody as at 31 December 2015.

Other police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000

In the year ending 31 December 2016:

- the Metropolitan Police Service carried out 483 stops and searches under section 43 of the Terrorism Act 2000; this was a decrease of 7% compared with the previous year;
- the number of resultant arrests decreased by 13% compared with the previous year, from 57 to 44. This led to an arrest rate of 9%, down from 11% in the previous year; and
- there were 19,355 examinations carried out under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000; a fall of 30% compared with the previous year.

Notes to editors

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 16 January 2017, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

The next quarterly release is due to be published in June 2017.

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

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