



# Home Office

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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, 2012/13**

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:**

- The number of terrorism arrests rose from 206 in 2011/12 to 249 in 2012/13. This compares with an annual average since 2002/03 of 210.
- Forty-two per cent of terrorism arrests in 2012/13 resulted in a charge. Of these, 35 per cent were considered terrorism-related.
- In 2012/13, 5 individuals were held in pre-charge detention for longer than seven days; 3 of these were held for the maximum period of 14 days.
- Three hundred and thirty persons have been convicted of a terrorism-related offence since 11 September 2001. All individuals arrested and prosecuted for terrorism-related offences in 2012/13 were convicted (23 persons). Thirteen persons were awaiting trial as at 31 March 2013.
- Seventy-seven per cent of defendants tried in 2012/13 for terrorism-related offences were convicted.
- Seven appeals for terrorism convictions/sentence variations concluded during 2012/13; each was dismissed by the courts.
- There were 121 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) at 31 March 2013 classified as terrorists. This total comprised 103 terrorism-related prisoners (including 1 historic case), as well as 18 domestic extremists.

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

- In 2012/13, 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.
- In 2012/13, 582 stops and searches were carried out by the Metropolitan Police Service under s43 of the Act, a 29 per cent decrease since 2011/12.

### **Port examinations under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000**

- In 2012/13, 56,257 persons were stopped and examined in a border area in Great Britain under the powers under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000. Of these, 2,265 were held for over one hour.

### **Police cordons under section 33 of the Terrorism Act 2000**

- There were 12 police cordons under terrorism legislation in 2012/13.

### **Notes to editors**

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 10 July 2013, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

It is currently planned to have a first quarter bulletin covering April to June 2013 published in late 2013.

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

Published alongside the 'Operation of Police Powers under the Terrorism Act' release is a ad hoc piece of analysis on charging and sentencing outcomes by religion which has been prepared by social research colleagues in OSCT's counter-terrorism research and analysis team.

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