



## The Iraq Historic Allegations Team Quarterly update

The purpose of this document is to fulfil IHAT's obligation to ensure that the public can access information about its progress. It details the following:

Noteworthy developments during the reporting period  
Number of cases referred to the IHAT  
Number of cases at each stage of the IHAT process

Information regarding the nature of the allegations; completed cases; number of cases discontinued (and the reason why) can be found elsewhere on the IHAT webpage.

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## **IRAQ HISTORIC ALLEGATIONS TEAM (IHAT) QUARTERLY UPDATE – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014**

### **Overview**

A large amount of work has gone into drafting a response to the dossier submitted to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, in conjunction with the Iraq Historic Allegations Prosecution Team (IHAPT) at the Service Prosecution Authority (SPA). The response will concentrate upon factual discrepancies and omissions, and will be completed in October 2014.

This quarter also saw three deployments of the specialised Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interview teams. Video interviews with 20 witnesses were obtained.

A considerable amount of work and analysis has been undertaken by the IHAT to conduct initial investigative assessment of approximately 800 additional cases provided by UK legal representatives acting on behalf of Iraqi complainants from Public Interest Lawyers and Leigh Day & Company since July 2014.

### **IHAT current strategic objectives:**

- Allegations of unlawful killings in the custody/care/control of British Forces
- Allegations of the unlawful killings of juveniles
- Allegations of unlawful killings outside of custody
- Allegations of serious ill-treatment including GBH, rape, sexual assault
- Allegations of ill-treatment that may meet the war crimes threshold
- Allegations of ill-treatment not meeting war crimes threshold

### **Cases allocated to IHAT**

The tables below detail IHAT cases and show at which stage those cases are in the IHAT pre-investigation and full investigation process.

As at 5 October 2014, the IHAT caseload consisted of a total of 161 cases involving 262 victims. Of these cases, 51 cases, involving 63 victims, relate to allegations of unlawful death. A breakdown of these cases is provided in Figure 1 below. The remaining 110 cases, involving 199 victims, relate to cases of alleged mistreatment or abuse. A breakdown of these cases is provided in Figure 2.

**FIGURE 1: STATUS OF CASES OF ALLEGED UNLAWFUL KILLING ASSIGNED TO THE IHAT AS 06 OCT 14**  
By Status Category

Status Category	Subjects	Cases
Initial Assessment	1	1
Pre-Investigation Process	31	21
Joint Case Review Panel	7	7
Tasking and Co-ordination Group (awaiting allocation)	1	1
Investigation	18	16
Referred to Judicial Process	1	1
Complete	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>51</b>

**FIGURE 2: STATUS OF CASES OF ALLEGED ILL TREATMENT ASSIGNED TO THE IHAT AS OF 06 OCT 14**  
by Status Category

Status Category	Subjects	Cases
Initial Assessment	4	2
First Stage Pre-Investigation Process	86	63
First Stage Mature Assessment	11	4
Awaiting Mensa	45	16
Mensa	10	6
Second Stage Pre-Investigation Process	8	7
Second Stage Mature Assessment	0	0
Tactical Tasking and Coordinating	6	3
Investigation	25	5
Complete	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>110</b>