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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, quarterly update to 30 September 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 September 2014:

- There were 234 persons arrested for terrorism related offences, down from 252 in the previous year.
- Forty per cent of terrorism arrests resulted in a charge. Of these, 83% were terrorism related.
- Twenty-nine of the 77 persons charged with terrorism related offences had been proceeded against at the time of reporting to the Home Office (2 January 2015). Of these, 26 persons were convicted of an offence.
- Data provided by the Crown Prosecution Service show that 22 of the 30 defendants proceeded against during the year for terrorism related offences were convicted.
- Twenty of the 22 defendants convicted were sentenced to immediate prison custody, 3 of whom received life sentences.
- Additionally, as at 30 September 2014 there were 145 terrorist/extremist prisoners in Great Britain, 83% of whom were UK nationals. Just under a quarter of the prisoners were classified as domestic extremists/separatists.

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

In the year ending September 2014:

- There were no stops and searches made under s47A of the Terrorism Act 2000. This follows the repeal of s44 and its replacement with s47A.
- The Metropolitan Police Service stopped and searched 360 persons under section 43 (s43) of TACT. This represents a 21% fall on the previous year's total of 457.

Port examinations under Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000

- In the year ending September 2014, a total of 37,064 persons were stopped at ports in Great Britain under Schedule 7 to TACT, a fall of 25% on the previous year.

Notes to editors

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 2 January 2015, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

A quarterly release covering arrests and outcomes up to 31 December 2014 is scheduled to be published in summer 2015.

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

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