



The Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT) 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 – APRIL TO JUNE 2015

Overview

A key activity during this period has been the preparation of witness evidence for the case management hearing held in front of the Designated Judge on 27 Apr 15. This has had impact across the whole of the IHAT, with considerable time and effort being devoted to its preparation.

There have been three Op MENSA deployments this quarter involving the interview of 30 witnesses.

The IHAT continues to conduct initial assessments of newly submitted cases provided by Public Interest Lawyers (PIL) and other legal representatives.

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

During the reporting period three victims were added to the IHAT caseload. Therefore, as of 30 Jun 15, the total number of victims allocated by PM(N) to the IHAT for investigation has risen to 767. The current caseload comprises 586 victims of ill treatment and 181 victims of unlawful killing.

PREDICTED IHAT CASELOAD

Throughout the reporting period the IHAT has continued to receive further allegations of unlawful killing and ill treatment from PIL and other legal representatives; these are currently being assessed. Further, additional (potential) victims have also been identified through IHAT investigations, particularly during the Op MENSA interview process.

The totality of the allegations forwarded to the IHAT from various sources have been subdivided into nine caseloads, in order to manage the receipt and flow of cases within the organisation. These caseloads are summarised in the table below.

FIGURE 1: Summary of Current and Predicted IHAT Caseloads

CASELOAD	DETAILS	CURRENT STATUS
Caseload 1	Original IHAT caseload registered up to 18 Nov 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Previous to 18 Nov 14)
Caseload 2	Criminal allegations identified within civil claims allocated on 18 Nov 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 18 Nov 2014)
Caseload 3	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL between Aug and Oct 14. ¹	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 28 Jan 15)
Caseload 4	Additional criminal allegations identified by IHAT Investigation/Interview Teams since 18 Nov 14.	Analysis in progress (2 Cases allocated)
Caseload 5	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL between Oct and Dec 14.	Brief with HQ IHAT (7 Cases allocated)
Caseload 6	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL since 1 Jan 15.	Analysis in progress (2 Cases allocated)
Caseload 7	Additional criminal allegations received in Mar 15 relating to AI Sweady Enquiry.	Allocated to the IHAT (31 Mar 15)
Caseload 8	Additional criminal allegations identified in the narratives of Claim Register Entries provided by PIL where no specific complaint has been submitted by PIL.	Analysis in progress
Caseload 9	Additional criminal allegations received by the IHAT from PIL and other legal representatives since 1 Apr 15.	Analysis in progress

It is estimated that if all caseloads are formally allocated to the IHAT by PM(N), the total number of victims will be 1930.

Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of Unlawful Killing

The current status of the IHAT caseload is shown below. These tables have been changed from previous reports to better reflect the status of cases against those provided for the last Quarterly Report.

Figure 2A: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 1

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	32	21
Investigation	19	21
Closed	13	21
Total	64	63

¹ 1 case involving an allegation of rape has been allocated by the IHAT due the seriousness of the allegation.

A review of one IHAT case that listed 10 alleged victims of unlawful killing has resulted in one case being re-allocated as an ill-treatment victim. This has therefore seen a reduction in the total figure to 63 victims.

Figure 2B: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 2

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	1	0
Pre-Investigation	1	1
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	1
Total	2	2

This reporting period has seen one case progress to Pre-Investigation. .

Figure 2C: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 3

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	99	21
Pre-Investigation	7	85
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	106	106

This reporting period has seen 78 cases progress to the Pre-Investigation stage for assessment.

Figure 2D: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 4

CASELOAD 4 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	1	1
Pre-Investigation	0	0
Investigation	0	1
Closed	0	0
Total	1	2

This period has seen one allegation of unlawful killing added and one progressing directly to investigation.

Figure 2E: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 7

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	8	8
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	8	8

Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of Ill Treatment

Figure 3A: Status of Ill Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 1

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	14	4
Pre-Investigation	148	156
Investigation	48	44
Closed	5	15
Total	215	219

There has been an increase of four victims, three of which are a result of a Review See figure 2A and one further case has been identified during an ongoing IHAT investigation.

Figure 3B: Status of Ill Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 2

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	150	150
Pre-Investigation	0	0
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	150	150

No changes have occurred during this period. It is expected that further work will be undertaken during the next reporting period.

Figure 3C: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 3

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	206	205
Pre-Investigation	1	2
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	207	207

During this period one victim's case has progressed to Pre-Investigation.

Figure 3D: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 5

CASELOAD 5 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	4	0
Pre-Investigation	3	7
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	7	7

The seven prioritised cases are at Pre-Investigation and in the process of being assessed by the IHAT.

Figure 3E: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 6

CASELOAD 6 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	2	0
Pre-Investigation	0	2
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	2	2

The two prioritised cases are at Pre-Investigation and in the process of being assessed by the IHAT.

Figure 3F: Status of Ill Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 7

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15
Receipt	1	0
Pre-Investigation	0	1
Investigation	0	0
Closed	0	0
Total	1	1