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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1136-15

Thank you for your email dated 27 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked;

‘Could you please send me any documentation you have - starting from 1 September - with regards to Mr. Nnamdi Kanu who was arrested in Lagos in October, regarding his arrest, detention, trial and planned visit by British officials?’

Outcome of Search

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Disclosure

A search of our records has shown we can release the following information.

FCO press statement – 22 October 2015

The British government only provides consular assistance to dual nationals in the country of their other nationality in exceptional circumstances.

If the High Commission is approached for consular assistance by a British National in Nigeria who also holds a Nigerian passport, the level of support that could be offered in their case would be discussed with the individual concerned.

We are aware that Mr Kanu was arrested on 14 October 2015. We continue to provide consular assistance and visited him in prison on 2 November and 17 November 2015.

Some of the information requested, is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our

view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

Next Steps

Once an FOI request is answered, it is considered to be in the public domain. To promote transparency, we may now publish the response and any material released on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) in the [FOI releases](#) section. All personal information in the letter will be removed before publishing.

Yours sincerely,

Desk Officer

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