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## Statistical News Release

### **Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes and stop and search, Great Britain, quarterly update to December 2015**

This statistical release brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes, prison populations, stop and search, and port examinations.

#### **Terrorism arrests and outcomes**

In the year ending December 2015:

- There were 280 persons arrested for terrorism-related offences, a decrease of 3% (9 arrests) compared with the previous year.
- The overall fall in terrorism-related arrests was driven by a fall in the number of arrests for domestic terrorism, which fell from 28 to 15. Arrests for international-related terrorism rose by 3% (7 arrests).
- The number of females arrested rose to 45, an increase of 15 compared with the previous year, continuing an upward trend seen in recent years.
- The number of under 18s arrested rose to 16, an increase of 6 compared with the previous year. This was the highest number of arrests for this age group in a calendar year since the data collection began.
- Thirty-four per cent (96) of those arrested have been charged (as at 21 January 2016), and 39% (109) have been released without charge. A further 23% (64) have been released on bail and 4% (11) faced alternative action. Of those charged, 86% were charged with terrorism-related offences.

#### **Court proceedings**

According to the Crown Prosecution Service, in the year ending December 2015, 56 persons were proceeded against for terrorism-related offences (up from 38 in the previous year). Of these, 49 were convicted. The majority of those convicted (27) received sentences of less than 4 years.

#### **Terrorist and extremist/separatist prisoners**

As at 31 December 2015, there were 168 persons in custody for terrorism-related offences and domestic extremism/separatism, this was a decrease of 18 compared with the year before. This fall has been driven by a reduction in the number of domestic extremist/separatist prisoners. The number of persons in custody for terrorism-related offences has continued to see a steady increase.

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

In the year ending December 2015:

- The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) stopped and searched 520 persons under section 43 of TACT 2000. This represents a 32% increase on the previous year's total of 394.

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

In the year ending December 2015:

- Around 27,500 persons were stopped at ports in Great Britain under Schedule 7 to TACT 2000, a fall of 21% on the previous year.
- The number of detentions following examinations was 1,828, an increase of three-quarters, from the 1,043 in the previous year. This increase is in part due to the introduction of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which ensures a mandatory detention takes place where an examination lasts for more than an hour.

### **Notes to editors**

Arrests and outcomes data are as at 21 January 2016, the date of data provision to the Home Office.

The next quarterly release is due to be published in June/July 2016.

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

*This statistical release has been produced by statisticians working in the Crime and Policing Analysis Unit. Although this output is not currently given National Statistics accreditation, the protocols for such statistics have been mirrored as closely as possible.*

*The governance arrangements in the Home Office for statistics were strengthened on 1 April 2008 to place the statistical teams under the management of a Chief Statistician who reports to the National Statistician with respect to all professional statistical matters.*