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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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Dear

Your email dated 3rd July 2015 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

Was a one-minute silence on behalf of the victims of the tragedy in Tunisia called today on the Abbey Wood MOD site; If not, why not?

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request. In accordance with the announcement by the Prime Minister on 30th June 2015 that a national minute's silence would be held for the victims of the terrorist attack on a Tunisian beach, MOD Abbey Wood held a minute's silence at 12 pm BST (noon) on 3rd July 2015. The announcement of the minute's silence was promulgated via the Defence Intranet on 1st July 2015 as follows:

As announced by the Prime Minister there will be a national minute's silence on Friday 3rd July at 12 noon in remembrance of the victims of the Tunisian beach attack.

All DE&S Staff are to be given every opportunity to participate, and teams are asked to make local arrangements to make this possible.

Due to technical issues there will not be a public address message.

Subsequently, a public address message was in fact relayed over the tannoy system at MOD Abbey Wood at 11.45 am BST, 15 minutes prior to minute's silence.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal

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review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

