



IRAQ HISTORIC ALLEGATIONS TEAM

The Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT) Quarterly update

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IHAT QUARTERLY UPDATE – April to June 2017

Introduction and Aim

1. The aim of this document is to ensure that the public have access to relevant information that details the progress made by the IHAT. This includes noteworthy developments during the reporting period; the number of cases referred to the IHAT and the number of cases at each stage of the IHAT process. Information relating to the nature of the allegations and completed cases can be found elsewhere on the IHAT webpage.

2. Defence Secretary Sir Michael Fallon announced on 5 April 2017 that the IHAT would officially close on 30 June 2017, therefore this is the final Quarterly update to be issued by the IHAT. The remaining cases will be dealt with by the Service Police - a combination of Royal Navy Police and Royal Air Force Police, led by a senior Royal Navy Police officer.

IHAT Strategic Priorities:

4. The current strategic priorities of the IHAT include:

- a. Allegations of unlawful killing in the custody of British Forces.
- b. Allegations of unlawful killing following contact with British Forces.
- c. Allegations of unlawful killing of juveniles.
- d. Allegations of serious ill treatment including rape, sexual assaults and Grievous Bodily Harm.
- e. Allegations of ill treatment where the war-crime threshold has been met.

Cases Allocation

5. As at 30 June 2017 the IHAT had received allegations of potential criminal behaviour relating to 3405 victims:

- Unlawful Killing/Manslaughter – 322 potential victims and 3 unidentified victims. Total – 325.
- Ill Treatment – 1350 potential victims and 22 unidentified victims. Total - 1372.
- Sifted out following Initial Assessment and Recording -1668.
- To be assessed - 40

Ongoing Investigations

6. The IHAT ongoing cases are:

- 34 ongoing investigations (with an allocated Whiskey Number) - 108 Victims (identified/unidentified):
 - Unlawful Killing – 20 potential victims. This includes one case referred to SPA to consider prosecution.
 - Ill-Treatment – 88 potential victims
 - Case assessment by CAT and Int Cell ongoing in respect of 889 victims.

Closed Cases

6. The IHAT has closed or is in the process of closing 700 allegations, of which:

116 were of unlawful killing:

- In 114 cases the allegation of criminal behaviour was not sustainable.
- One soldier was referred to the DSP under s116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (DSP decided not to charge).
- One case was referred to the RAF Police for further investigation.

584 were of ill-treatment:

- In 581 cases the allegation of criminal behaviour was not sustainable.
- One soldier was referred to his Commanding Officer for disciplinary action (and was fined £3,000).
- One soldier was referred to the DSP under s116 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (DSP decided not to charge).
- One case was referred to the RAF Police for further investigation.