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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2021 requesting the following information:

I am seeking to find the following information regarding civilian casualties linked to British military activity since 2001, under FOI law.

1. Please can you confirm or deny if there were any recorded civilian casualties linked to British military activity in the following countries, listed below.
2. If so please state the number of civilian casualties in each country.
3. If appropriate, please also state the date of the incident of civilian casualty.

List of countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Estonia, Cyprus, France, Iraq, Kenya, Libya, Mali, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Somalia, Oman and the Strait of Hormuz, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UK, Yemen, Djibouti, Albania, Falklands, Gibraltar, Belize, Brunei, Malaysia, Canada.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested on civilian casualties linked to British military activity is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the Ministry of Defence does hold data on UK entitled civilian casualties which are published biannually in the UK armed forces and UK entitled civilians operational casualty and fatality statistic. The latest data published is at 31 March 2021 and can be found on gov.uk: [UK armed forces and UK civilian operational casualty and fatality statistics](#).

UK entitled civilians are defined as patients eligible either without special financial authority or on a repayment basis for aeromedical evacuation. These patients include Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) personnel, MOD United Kingdom Based Civilians (UKBC's), MOD Contractors, MOD Welfare Organisations and other Government Departments.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering UK armed forces and UK entitled civilians operational casualty and fatality statistics and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: Analysis-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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