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Statistical News Release

Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation - arrests, outcomes, stops and searches: Great Britain, 2011/12

This statistical bulletin brings together information on terrorism arrests and outcomes, stops and searches, court appeals, port examinations and police cordons.

Terrorism arrests and outcomes:

- The number of terrorism arrests rose from 126 in 2010/11 to 206 in 2011/12. This compares with an annual average since 2002/03 of 207.
- Thirty-five per cent of terrorism arrests in 2011/12 resulted in a charge. Of these, 53 per cent were under terrorism legislation.
- In 2011/12 no individuals were held in pre-charge detention for longer than seven days. Six people have been held for the then maximum period of 28 days, since the extension of the pre-charge detention period in 2006. The maximum period for pre-charge detention was reduced to 14 days on 25 January 2011.
- Two hundred and eighty-three persons have been convicted of a terrorism-related offence since 11 September 2001. All but three of those individuals arrested and prosecuted in 2011/12 for terrorism-related offences were convicted. Seventeen persons were awaiting trial as at 31 March 2012.
- Seventy-eight per cent of defendants tried in 2011/12 for terrorism-related offences were convicted.
- Between 2007/08 and 2011/12 there were 68 appeals for terrorism convictions with seven convictions quashed and 27 in which the sentence was varied (including 4 where the sentence was increased).
- There were 118 prisoners (both convicted and remanded) at 31 March 2012 classified as terrorists. This total comprised 99 terrorism-related prisoners (including 4 historic cases), as well as 19 domestic extremists.

Stops and searches under sections 43 and 47A Terrorism Act 2000:

- In 2011/12, there were no stops and searches were made under s47A of the Terrorism Act 2000. This follows the repeal of s44 and its replacement with s47A.
- In 2011/12 819 stops and searches were carried out by the Metropolitan Police Service under s43 of the Act, a 29 per cent decrease since 2010/11.

Port examinations under Schedule 7 Terrorism Act 2000

- In 2011/12 63,902 persons were stopped and examined in a border area in Great Britain under the powers under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000. Of these, 2,240 persons were held for over one hour.

Police cordons under s33 Terrorism Act 2000

- There were 32 police cordons under terrorism legislation in 2011/12.

Notes to editors

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