The Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT) Quarterly update

The purpose of this document is to fulfil IHAT's obligation to ensure that the public can access information about its progress. It details the following:

- Noteworthy developments during the reporting period
- Number of cases referred to the IHAT
- Number of cases at each stage of the IHAT process

Information regarding the nature of the allegations; completed cases; number of cases discontinued (and the reason why) can be found elsewhere on the IHAT webpage.

IRAQ HISTORIC ALLEGATIONS TEAM (IHAT) QUARTERLY UPDATE – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2015

Overview

There have been two Op MENSA deployments this quarter involving the interview of 25 witnesses.

The IHAT continues to conduct initial assessments of newly submitted cases provided by PIL and other legal representatives.

A key activity during this period has been the preparation of witness evidence for the case management hearing to be held in front of the Designated Judge 2 to 6 November 2015. This has had impact across the whole of the IHAT, with considerable time and effort being devoted to its preparation.

IHAT current strategic objectives:

- Allegations of unlawful killings in the custody/care/control of British Forces
- Allegations of the unlawful killings of juveniles
- Allegations of unlawful killings outside of custody
- Allegations of serious ill-treatment including GBH, rape, sexual assault
- Allegations of ill-treatment that may meet the war crimes threshold
- Allegations of ill-treatment not meeting war crimes threshold

Cases allocated to IHAT

During the reporting period 712 victims were added to the IHAT caseload. Therefore, as of 30 September 2015, the total number of victims allocated by PM(N) to the IHAT for investigation has risen to 1514. The current caseload comprises 1235 victims of ill treatment and 280 victims of unlawful killing.

PREDICTED IHAT CASELOAD

Throughout the reporting period the IHAT has continued to receive further allegations of unlawful killing and ill treatment from PIL and other legal representatives; these are currently being assessed. Further, additional (potential) victims have also been identified through IHAT investigations, particularly during the Op MENSA interview process.

The totality of the allegations forwarded to the IHAT from various sources have been subdivided into ten caseloads, in order to manage the receipt and flow of cases within the organisation. These caseloads are summarised in the table below.

FIGURE 1: Summary of Current and Predicted IHAT Caseloads

CASELOAD	DETAILS	CURRENT STATUS
Caseload 1	Original IHAT caseload registered up to 18 Nov 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Previous to 18 Nov 14)
Caseload 2	Criminal allegations identified within civil claims allocated on 18 Nov 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 18 Nov 2014)
Caseload 3	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL between Aug and Oct 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 28 Jan 15)
Caseload 4	Additional criminal allegations identified by IHAT Investigation/Interview Teams since 18 Nov 14.	Analysis in progress (2 Cases allocated)
Caseload 5	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL between Oct and Dec 14.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 15 Jul 15)
Caseload 6	Additional criminal allegations received by IHAT from PIL since 1 Jan 15.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 17 Jul 15)
Caseload 7	Additional criminal allegations received in Mar 15 relating to AlSweady Inquiry.	Allocated to the IHAT (Allocated 31 Mar 15)
Caseload 8	Additional criminal allegations identified in the narratives of Claim Register entries provided by PIL where no specific complaint has been submitted by PIL.	Analysis in progress
Caseload 9	Additional criminal allegations received by the IHAT from PIL and other legal representatives since 1 Apr 15.	Analysis in progress
Caseload 10	Additional criminal allegations received by the IHAT from PIL and other legal representatives since 10 Sep 15.	Analysis in progress

Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of Unlawful Killing

The current status of the IHAT caseload is shown below and reflects the status of cases against those provided for the last two Quarterly Reports.

Figure 2A: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 1

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	0	0	0
Pre-Investigation	32	21	18
Investigation	19	21	24
Closed	13	21	21
Total	64	63	63

Figure 2B: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 2

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	1	0	0
Pre-Investigation	1	1	1
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	1	1
Total	2	2	2

Figure 2C: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 3

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	99	21	0
Pre-Investigation	7	85	106
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	106	106	106

Figure 2D: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 4

CASELOAD 4 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	1	1	2
Pre-Investigation	0	0	0
Investigation	0	1	1
Closed	0	0	0
Total	1	2	3

Figure 2E: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 5

CASELOAD 5 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	0	0	8
Pre-Investigation	0	0	10
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	0	0	18

Figure 2F: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 6

CASELOAD 6 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	0	0	58
Pre-Investigation	0	0	3
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	0	0	61

Figure 2G: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 7

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	0	0	0
Pre-Investigation	8	8	0
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	8
Total	8	8	8

2.4 Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of III Treatment

Figure 3A: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 1

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	14	4	1
Pre-Investigation	148	156	161
Investigation	48	44	44
Closed	5	15	12
Total	215	219	218

Figure 3B: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 2

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	150	150	150
Pre-Investigation	0	0	0
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	150	150	150

Figure 3C: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 3

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	206	205	162
Pre-Investigation	1	2	45
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	207	207	207

Figure 3D: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 4

CASELOAD 4 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	0	0	1
Pre-Investigation	0	0	0
Investigation	0	0	1
Closed	0	0	0
Total	0	0	2

Figure 3E: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 5

CASELOAD 5 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	4	0	384
Pre-Investigation	3	7	9
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	7	7	393

Figure 3F: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 6

CASELOAD 6 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	2	0	257
Pre-Investigation	0	2	7
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0
Total	2	2	264

Figure 3G: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 7

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	number of victims as at 31 Mar 15	number of victims as at 30 Jun 15	number of victims as at 30 Sep 15
Receipt	1	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	1	0
Investigation	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	1
Total	1	1	1