



IRAQ HISTORIC ALLEGATIONS TEAM

The Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT) Quarterly update

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IHAT QUARTERLY UPDATE - JANUARY TO MARCH 2016

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.

Overview

2. Due to travel restrictions out with the control of the IHAT, there has been only one OP MENSA deployment during this period which saw 6 witnesses and 7 victims interviewed. Arrangements are in hand to overcome this issue and increase the number of interviews in the coming months. There is an enduring commitment to the assessment of cases provided by PIL and other legal representatives.

IHAT Strategic Priorities:

3. 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 2016

4. At 31 March 2016, the IHAT had received 3281 allegations of potential criminal behaviour; 981 of these allegations were screened out and did not progress to the investigation stage; 742 are still at the initial assessment stage. The IHAT is investigating allegations relating to 1558 potential victims, of which 288 are alleged unlawful killings and 1270 are alleged ill treatment ranging from common assault to serious sexual and violent assaults.

5. The IHAT has closed or is in the process of closing investigations into 59 allegations of unlawful killing. In 56 cases the allegation of criminal behaviour was not sustainable. Two soldiers were referred to the Director of Service Prosecutions for consideration of prosecution but discontinued on legal grounds and one case has been referred to the RAF Police for further investigation.

Predicted Caseload

6. The IHAT continues to review allegations of unlawful killing and ill treatment submitted by PIL and other legal representatives. These allegations have been subdivided into eleven caseloads in order to manage the receipt and flow of cases within the organisation. These are summarised as follows:

Table 1: Summary of Current and Predicted IHAT Caseloads

CASELOAD	DETAILS	STATUS
Caseload 1	Original IHAT caseload	Allocated to the IHAT prior to 18 November 2014
Caseload 2	Criminal allegations identified within civil claims	Allocated to the IHAT on 18 November 2014
Caseload 3	Additional criminal allegations received from PIL between August and October 2014	Allocated to the IHAT on 28 January 2015
Caseload 4	Additional criminal allegations identified by the IHAT since 18 November 2014	Analysis in progress - 5 victims added to date
Caseload 5	Additional criminal allegations received from PIL between October and December 2014	Allocated to the IHAT on 15 July 2015
Caseload 6	Additional criminal allegations received from PIL since 1 January 2015	Allocated to the IHAT on 17 July 2015
Caseload 7	Additional criminal allegations received in March 2015 relating to the Al Sweady Inquiry	Allocated to the IHAT on 31 March 2015
Caseload 8	Additional criminal allegations identified in the narratives of the Claim Register entries provided by PIL where no specific complaint has been submitted	Analysis in progress
Caseload 9	Additional criminal allegations received from PIL and other legal representatives since 1 April 2015	Allocated to the IHAT on 2 December 2015
Caseload 10	Additional criminal allegations identified by the IHAT since 10 September 2015	Analysis in progress - 4 victims added to date
Caseload 11	Additional criminal allegations received from PIL since 22 October 2015	Analysis in progress - 2 victims fast-tracked

Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of Unlawful Killing

7. The status of IHAT caseloads in which direction has been received from the Provost Marshal (Navy), is compared with the previous quarter below:

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

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	15	15
Investigation	23	20
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	13	9
Terminated	12	19
Total	63	63

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

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	0
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	1	1
Terminated	1	1
Total	2	2

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

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	2	0
Pre-Investigation	105	102
Investigation	0	4
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	1	1
Terminated	0	1
Total	108	108

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

CASELOAD 4 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	2	3
Investigation	1	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	3	3

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

CASELOAD 5 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	1	1
Pre-Investigation	17	17
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	18	18

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

CASELOAD 6 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	25	0
Pre-Investigation	55	61
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	19
Terminated	0	0
Total	80	80

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

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	0
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	8	8
Total	8	8

Table 2H: Status of Unlawful Killing Allegations in IHAT Caseload 9:

CASELOAD 9 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	6
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	0	6

Status of Current IHAT Caseload: Allegations of Ill Treatment

Table 3A: Status of Ill Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 1:

CASELOAD 1 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	1	0
Pre-Investigation	162	162
Investigation	44	44
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	12	12
Terminated	0	0
Total	219	218

Table 3B: Status of Ill Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 2

CASELOAD 2 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	145	88
Pre-Investigation	11	68
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	156	156

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

CASELOAD 3 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	26	21
Pre-Investigation	180	185
Investigation	1	1
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	207	207

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

CASELOAD 4 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	1	1
Investigation	1	1
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	2	2

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

CASELOAD 5 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	354	304
Pre-Investigation	38	88
Investigation	1	1
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	393	393

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

CASELOAD 6 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	172	113
Pre-Investigation	85	144
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	257	257

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

CASELOAD 7 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	0
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	1	1
Total	1	1

Table 3H: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 9:

CASELOAD 9 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	28	27
Pre-Investigation	2	3
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	30	30

Table 3I: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 10:

CASELOAD 10 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	2	2
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	2	2

Table 3J: Status of III Treatment Allegations in IHAT Caseload 11

CASELOAD 11 OVERALL STATUS count by victims	Number of victims at 30 Dec 15	Number of victims at 31 Mar 16
Receipt	0	0
Pre-Investigation	0	2
Investigation	0	0
In the process of being closed <i>(Dep Hd instructed that no further investigative work is to be undertaken. Final Reports being drafted for submission to Director IHAT).</i>	0	0
Terminated	0	0
Total	0	2