Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (IIA)
HQ PM(A) Update
May 2023

We last wrote to you in March this year with an update surrounding the early stages of the IIA. Since then, Lord Justice Haddon-Cave (LJHC) has conducted his first oral hearing which took place on Wednesday 25 April 2023. A readout of the opening statement can be found at the following link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/hearings/

HQ PM(A) continues to comply with 'Rule 9' requests which in simple terms are requests for documents and/or witness evidence from the inquiry team, that fall in line with the IIA Terms of Reference (TORs). Your continued co-operation in assisting us fulfil these requests in a timely manner, is hugely appreciated.

The HQ PM(A) IIA team has now been established with Lt Col Paul Mullaney as SO1 IIA, WO1 Leoni Quin as WO IIA and supporting staff who will assist with disclosure.

Echoing the message from the March update, to ensure that you are supported appropriately throughout the inquiry, please do reach out to the IIA team should you wish to discuss any correspondence you receive from the inquiry team. This should now be done via the newly established IIA group mailbox and not via Lt Col Steve Tickner who has now stepped away from what was his temporary role in the HQ PM(A) IIA team. The IIA group mailbox is: ARMYPM-IIAGroupmailbox@mod.gov.uk

All emails into that group mailbox will be reviewed and actioned within 48 hours of receipt. If your email requires more urgent attention, please mark it as such when sending.

Please continue to monitor your personal mailboxes to ensure that you are up to date with all correspondence relating to the IIA.

As mentioned above, please do reach out to the HQ PM(A) IIA team group mailbox should you wish to discuss emails from the inquiry.

Your welfare throughout the proceedings remains of utmost importance to us and we encourage you to reach out to the following individuals and organisations for support, should you need it:

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RMP Regimental Secretary:

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The Veterans Gateway:

http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk/

Useful Links

DefNet:

Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (sharepoint.com)

Defence Connect:

Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan | Defence Connect (mod.uk)

IIA website:

Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (iia.independent-inquiry.uk)

TORs:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-inquiry-into-alleged-unlawful-activity-by-british-armed-forces-during-deliberate-detention-operations-in-afghanistan