Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (IIA)

HQ PM(A) Update

July 2023

On 28 June 2023, Lord Justice Haddon-Cave and members of the Inquiry team visited Army Headquarters to conduct a non-evidential visit with the dedicated HQ PM(A) IIA team. This forms part of a series of visits conducted by the Inquiry team with the other core participants.

Lord Justice Haddon-Cave and the Inquiry team conducted preliminary hearings on 5 and 6 July 2023 in which updates were provided on applications for restricting access to some documents and hearings, and an application for appointment of special advocates to represent the interests of core participants in any closed hearings. Further information surrounding restriction orders and the transcript from the hearing, can be found at the following link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/documents/

If you have any relevant material to share with the Inquiry and wish to remain anonymous, you can use the IIA SecureDrop system. Further information around this system can be found here: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/contact-us/

If we are notified that the Inquiry team are likely to want to communicate with you, we will be in contact with you directly. If you are approached by the Inquiry team please speak to our IIA team at this email address: ARMYPM-IIAGroupmailbox@mod.gov.uk. This will ensure that the right support is in place and enables us to act as a single point of contact, as well as ensuring that the agreed processes and protocols in place for the Inquiry to interact with Core Participants, is adhered to. If you are contacted by the media, you should inform both us (using the IIA group mailbox) and the MOD press office, using the following email address: DDC-PR-News@mod.gov.uk.

Please let us know if you are aware of anyone that is affected by the IIA and if they are not already on our communications distribution list, we will ensure that they are added.

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

Should you wish to discuss emails from the Inquiry team, please reach out to the HQ PM(A) IIA group mailbox.

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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Col Jeremy Green, regsec@rhqrmp.org

The Veterans Gateway:

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

If you have any information that you believe is relevant to the IIA, please contact the Inquiry team using the contact details at this link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/contact-us/

Useful Links

DefNet:
modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/intranet/SitePages/Independent-Inquiry-relating-to-Afghanistan.aspx

Defence Connect:

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

IIA website:

https://www.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