Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (IIA)

HQ PM(A) Update

September 2023

The IIA Terms of Reference (TORs) have now been updated and can be found on the MOD website at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-inquiry-into-alleged-unlawful-activity-by-british-armed-forces-during-deliberate-detention-operations-in-afghanistan/terms-of-reference or on the Inquiry website: https://iiaweb-prod.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/2023090_Terms_Of_Reference_IIA.pdf.

All of the latest documents surrounding Inquiry Rulings can be found at the following link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/documents/rulings/. This includes the recent Open Ruling document which focusses on undertakings and touches on the measures in respect of those who are willing to assist the Inquiry.

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.

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/

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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RMP Regimental Secretary:

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:

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