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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2009-01519

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: N IRELAND -V- POLAND - NUMBER OF ARRESTS

Request and Answer:

Question

I would like to request figures stating how many arrests were made relating to the trouble between Northern Ireland and Poland fans during the World Cup Qualifier at Windsor Park.

Answer

Nine arrests were made on the day of the football match.

On 13 May, a man was charged with common assault and possession of an offensive weapon. The charges relate to a coin-throwing incident during the Northern Ireland v. Poland match on 28 March, in which an Assistant Referee was injured. A further three people have also been charged

Investigations are ongoing with a view to identifying other participants in the disorder.

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