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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-00696

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Figures For Terrorist Crimes 1987 to 1993

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) has now completed its search for the information you requested and the answer to your question is as follows.

Question

I am a PhD student at London University looking at Northern Ireland Security policy in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Please can you tell me where I can obtain figures for terrorist crimes committed, individuals charged and individuals sentenced.

I am after the figures for the period 1987 to 1993.

Answer

In response to your request the PSNI Central Statistics Unit have provided the tables below.

Please note that our charge statistics include persons arrested and subsequently charged in connection to public order incidents.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they

investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psnj.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

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Security-Related Incidents 1987 – 1993

Year	Shooting Incidents ¹	Bombings ²		Incendiarities ³	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
1987	674	Not Available	384	Not Available	9
1988	538	Not Available	458	Not Available	8
1989	566	Not Available	420	Not Available	7
1990	557	236	286	26	33
1991	499	312	368	144	237
1992	506	318	371	86	126
1993	476	257	289	45	61

¹ The following types of shooting incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Shots fired by the security forces
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)
- Other violent incidents where shots are fired (e.g. armed robberies)

² An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used). Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiarities are excluded.

³ Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used).

Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 1987 – 1993

Year	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
1987	124	67	57	60	27	33	184
1988	66	34	32	56	21	35	122
1989	161	65	96	51	23	28	212
1990	106	60	46	68	21	47	174
1991	76	40	36	62	22	40	138
1992	133	72	61	74	36	38	207
1993	85	60	25	41	35	6	126

Attribution is as perceived by PSNI based on the information available and does not necessarily indicate the involvement of a paramilitary organisation.

Number of Persons Arrested for Terrorist or Public Order Offences who were Subsequently Charged 1987 – 1993

Year	Persons Charged ¹
1987	471
1988	440
1989	433
1990	383
1991	404
1992	418
1993	372

¹ Statistics refer to charges brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent changes, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.