



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01824

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Operation Banner

Request and Answer:

The Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you have requested.

Question 1

In a written parliamentary reply to the UK House of Commons on January 29, 1973, a Minister stated that up to the end of 1972 a total of 55 civilians had been killed in road traffic accidents involving British Army vehicles/collisions at Army VCPs.

Is there a monthly/annual breakdown of this figure?

Question 2

Is there a monthly/annual breakdown of figures for "Operation Banner", 1969-2007?

Answer

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

This information was previously released under FOI and can be accessed via the PSNI website using the link provided below:

http://www.psni.police.uk/operation_banner.pdf

Central Statistics Unit has confirmed that they are unable to provide any further information in

relation to this request. Accordingly, I have determined that the PSNI do not hold any other information in relation to this request.

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.

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