

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-00102

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Troubles Statistics

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

Looking for information on all the people during the troubles in the time period of 1969 to 1998 as part of my research for my dissertation at university. Specifically for people killed by either the RUC or the British Army. Information required of those killed would be their; Age, Gender, Employment Status, religion, if they were a civilian or member of a paramilitary organisation, and if applicable which paramilitary organisation.

Answer

Please see the information requested in the Excel spreadsheet, which lists security related deaths in Northern Ireland between 1969 and 1998 that are attributed to the army or police.

Please note in conjunction with the information provided the following caveats:

(i) The PSNI Statistics Branch holds details of security related deaths as part of their Security Situation Statistics. Their definition of a security related death is one which is considered at the time of the incident to be directly attributed to terrorism, where the cause has a direct or proximate link to subversive / sectarian strife or where the death is attributable to security force activity.

(ii) We hold data in relation to the age, gender and religion of those persons killed as well as whether they were a civilian or a member of the army or police.

(iii) We do not hold persons employment status or whether they were a member of a paramilitary organisation.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, 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', or use the ICO self-service portal available at www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/officialinformation-concerns-report/official-information-concern/

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 their discretion.

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