

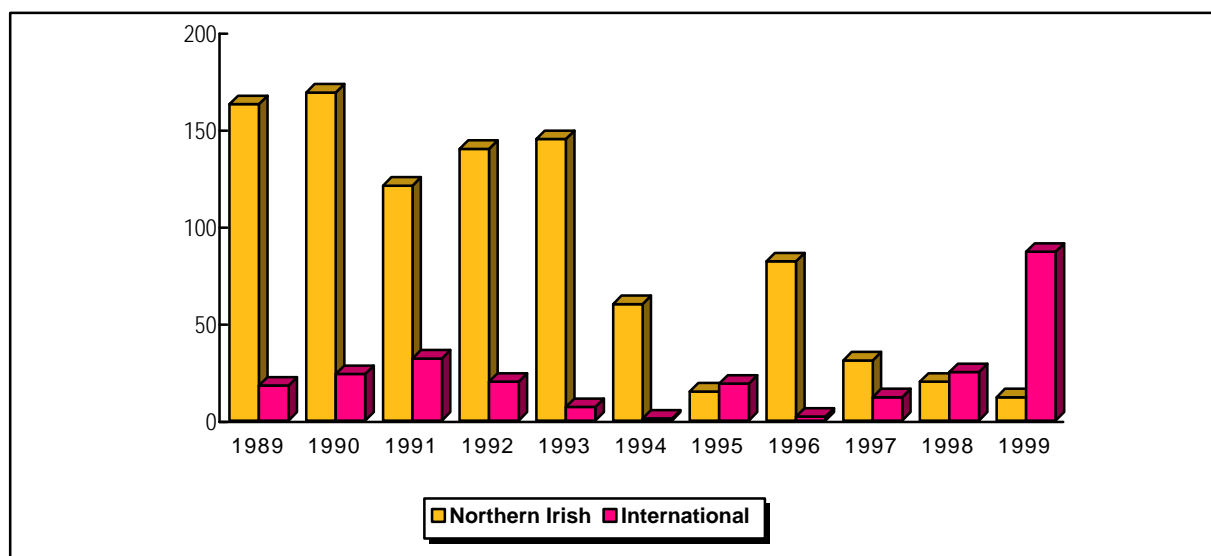
# STATISTICS ON THE OPERATION OF PREVENTION OF TERRORISM LEGISLATION

## GREAT BRITAIN 1999

### MAIN POINTS

- During 1999, 12 persons were detained in connection with Northern Irish terrorism, down from 20 in 1998 (paragraph 4).
- Eighty seven persons were detained in connection with international terrorism, up from 25 in 1998 (paragraph 5).
- Former powers to make exclusion orders were not used in 1999 and have now lapsed (paragraph 8).
- Eighty four of the 99 persons detained in 1999 were charged with an offence (paragraph 10).
- Extensions of detention were granted for eight persons (paragraph 11).
- 437 persons were examined for more than one hour, but not detained. Twenty nine were charged with an offence (paragraphs 12 and 13).

**Figure 1 Number of detentions under Prevention of Terrorism legislation**



## INTRODUCTION

1. The main legislation to deal with terrorism came into force in November 1974 with the introduction of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974. There have been some changes to the powers since that time. A history of the changes is given in the Notes at the back of this bulletin.

2. The current legislation is the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 which includes the following powers for dealing with terrorism:

- (a) the police may arrest suspected terrorists and detain them for 48 hours on their own authority, with the possibility of an extension or extensions of detention for a maximum of a further five days authorised by the Secretary of State;
- (b) police have powers to examine travellers entering or leaving Great Britain or Northern Ireland for the purpose of determining whether they are, or have been, involved in terrorism.

3. This bulletin gives the main statistics on the use of the powers under the Prevention of Terrorism legislation in Great Britain and also shows details of the outcome of the detentions. (Figures relating to Northern Ireland are not included, but are covered in the Mr John Rowe's 'Report on the operation in 1999 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989', copies of which are obtainable from the address given in Note 11). Summary figures are included in the text; the more detailed tables follow later in the bulletin. The detailed tables are:

- Table 1. Persons detained in connection with Northern Irish terrorism
- Table 2. Persons detained in connection with international terrorism
- Table 3. Persons detained and extensions of detention: by police force area
- Table 4. Exclusion orders: applications, outcome, terminations and number in force
- Table 5. Persons detained and subsequently charged with offences under the Prevention of Terrorism legislation
- Table 6. Persons detained and charged only with a criminal offence other than under the Prevention of Terrorism legislation

- Table 7. Persons detained and charged: by offence and year
- Table 8. Length of detention for those not charged, deported, excluded or removed
- Table 9. Extensions of detention: by length of extension
- Table 10. Persons examined for more than one hour but not detained

## **PERSONS DETAINED**

4. In 1999, 12 persons were detained in connection with Northern Irish terrorism, as compared with 20 in 1998, 31 in 1997, 82 in 1996 and 15 in 1995 (Table A, Table 1 and Figure 1). The 1994 and continuing 1997 cease-fires may account for some of these fluctuations.

5. In addition, 87 persons were detained in 1999 in connection with international terrorism compared with 25 in 1998, 12 in 1997, 2 in 1996 and 19 in 1995 (Table A, Table 2 and Figure 1). The annual figures have always shown considerable variation but the large number in 1999 is accounted for by 79 persons being detained following the occupation of the Greek Embassy in London.

6. Table A overleaf shows the number of detentions in connection with both Northern Irish and international terrorism. It also shows those excluded, deported or removed, and those charged with offences, whether under the Act or under other legislation.

7. Nearly 90 per cent of the detentions, 86 out of 99, took place in the Metropolitan Police Area. Only two other police force areas had more than two detentions during the year, Greater Manchester and Hampshire with three each (Table 3).

**Table A Outcome of detentions**

Great Britain, 1989 - 1999

Numbers

Year of detention	Total detentions	Exclusion order made, deportation or removal	Charged with an offence (1)	
			Under the Acts	Under other legislation
Detentions in connection with Northern Irish terrorism				
1989	163	10	8	10
1990	169	14	6	19
1991	121	10	4	3
1992	140	1	9	27
1993	145	4	5	25
1994	60	4	-	9
1995	15	-	2	8
1996	82	-	2	15
1997	31	-	-	5
1998	20	-	1	4
1999	12	-	-	1
Detentions in connection with International terrorism				
1989	18	2	-	3
1990	24	2	-	3
1991	32	1	-	-
1992	20	2	-	2
1993	7	-	-	2
1994	1	-	-	-
1995	19	-	-	3
1996	2	-	-	-
1997	12	-	5 (2)	2 (2)
1998	25	-	2	1
1999	87	-	-	83
All detentions				
1989	181	12	8	13
1990	193	16	6	22
1991	153	11	4	3
1992	160	3	9	29
1993	152	4	5	27
1994	61	4	-	9
1995	34	-	2	11
1996	84	-	2	15
1997	43	-	5 (2)	7 (2)
1998	45	-	3	5
1999	99	-	-	84

(1) Persons charged and subsequently excluded are shown under 'exclusion order' only.

(2) Figures amended since publication of 1998 Bulletin.

## **PERSONS MADE SUBJECT TO AN EXCLUSION ORDER**

8. Since 1995 no exclusion orders were made against persons who had not previously been excluded. Of the 24 exclusion orders in force at the end of 1996, three orders were renewed in 1997. By the end of 1997, however, there were no exclusion orders in force, all cases having either expired and not been renewed, or revoked before expiry (Table 4). (The last 12 orders were revoked on 30 October 1997 and the power to make exclusion orders has since remained lapsed.)

## **PERSONS CHARGED WITH OFFENCES**

9. Tables 5, 6 and 7 give details of offences with which persons detained were charged, whether under the Prevention of Terrorism Act or other legislation. Table 5 and 6 present the cumulative picture. Table 7 gives figures for the last five years separately.

10. In 1999, only one of those detained in connection with Northern Irish terrorism was charged with an offence (eight per cent, compared with 25 per cent in 1998). Eighty three of the 87 persons detained in connection with international terrorism were charged (95 per cent, compared with 12 per cent of those detained in 1998). (79 of these followed the occupation of the Greek Embassy and all were charged under section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1971 (diplomatic trespass)).

## **PERIODS OF DETENTION AND EXTENSIONS**

11. Nine of the 12 persons detained in connection with Northern Irish terrorism in 1999 were released within 48 hours. Of the 87 persons detained in connection with international terrorism, 82 were released within 48 hours. Extensions of detention authorised by the Secretary of State beyond the 48 hours for which the police may detain on their own authority, were granted for the remaining eight (Table 9), five of whom were subsequently charged with an offence. Table B (overleaf) expresses the number of persons whose detention was extended as a percentage of those detained.

Table 8 shows the length of detention for those persons who were not charged with an offence, deported, excluded or removed.

**Table B Persons whose detention was extended beyond 48 hours**

Great Britain, 1989 - 1999

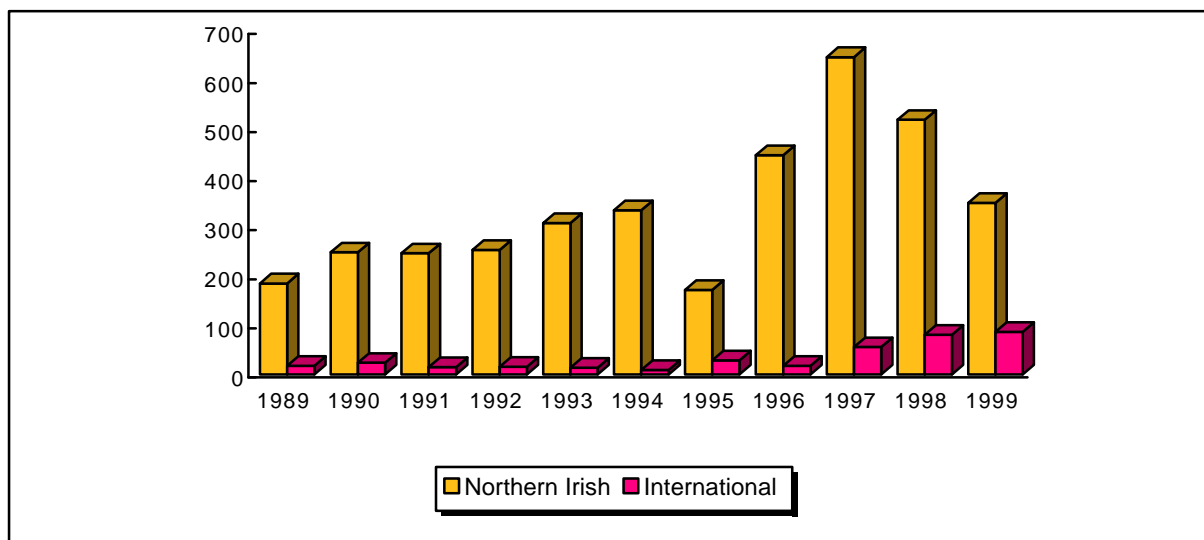
Numbers and percentages

Year of detention	Total extensions beyond 48 hours granted				Total number
	Northern Irish		International		
	Number	% of all detentions	Number	% of all detentions	
1989	30	18	6	33	36
1990	29	17	6	25	35
1991	15	12	15	47	30
1992	12	9	5	25	17
1993	39	27	-	-	39
1994	4	7	-	-	4
1995	9	60	9	47	18
1996	23	28	-	-	23
1997	-	-	9	75	9
1998	5	25	16	64	21
1999	3	25	5	6	8

## PERSONS EXAMINED FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR BUT NOT DETAINED

12. During 1999, 437 persons were examined for more than one hour but not detained (Table 10 and Figure 2). This is 27 per cent lower than the 600 in 1998 (which was in turn 15 per cent lower than the 703 examinations in 1997, the largest figure since records began to be collected centrally in 1984). The numbers increased steadily every year since 1984 (except for a dip in 1995 and now in 1998 and 1999). Among the 437 persons examined in 1999, 87 were in connection with international terrorism; the figure in 1998 was 81.

**Figure 2 Number of examinations for more than one hour under Prevention of Terrorism legislation**



13. Five persons were examined for more than 12 hours in 1999 and these were all for Northern Irish terrorism. This compares with just one in 1998, also for Northern Irish terrorism. The majority of examinations, as in previous years, lasted for less than four hours. Twenty nine persons examined for more than an hour were charged with an offence in 1999, about the same proportion as in 1998.

**Table 1 Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1976,1984 and 1989 or Supplemental Orders 1976 and 1984 by outcome: persons concerned with Northern Irish terrorism**

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999										Number of persons
Date of detention	Detentions			Extensions of detention beyond 48 hours granted (1)		Exclusion order made (2)(3)	Charged with an offence (3)		Not charged with offence or excluded	
	Total	at port or airport	else-where	at port or airport	elsewhere		Under the Acts	Under other legislation		
1989	163	78	85	16	14	10	8	10	135	
1990	169	53	116	8	21	14	6	19	130	
1991	121	49	72	11 (5)	4	10	4	3	104	
1992	140	35	105	1	11	1	9	27	103	
1993	145	28	117	4	35	4	5	25	111	
1994	60	35	25	2	2	4	-	9	47	
1995	15	5	10	1	8	-	2	8	5	
1996	82	14	68	-	23	-	2	15	65	
1997	31	7	24	-	-	-	-	5	26	
1998	20	2	18	-	5	-	1	4	15	
1999	12	8	4	3	-	-	-	1	11	
1998 1st quarter	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
2nd quarter	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	
3rd quarter	11	-	11	-	5	-	-	4	7	
4th quarter	3	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	
1999 1st quarter	7	6	1	3	-	-	-	-	7	
2nd quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
3rd quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4th quarter	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	

- (1) More than one extension of detention may be granted under the 1984 and 1989 Acts (see Table 9 for details).
- (2) Exclusion orders made against persons who were detained under the Acts in the period shown. See Table 4 for total exclusion orders, including those made against persons not detained under the Acts.
- (3) Persons charged and subsequently excluded are shown under 'Exclusion order made' only.
- (4) In addition, two applications were refused in 1988.
- (5) Includes one extension granted in Northern Ireland.

**Table 2**      **Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1984 and 1989 or Supplemental Order 1984 by outcome: persons concerned with *international terrorism***

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999 Number of persons

Date of detention	Detentions			Extensions of detention beyond 48 hours granted (1)		Deported, excluded or removed under Immigration Act 1971 (2)	Charged with an offence (2)		Not charged with offence deported, excluded or removed
	Total	at port or airport	else-where	at port or airport	elsewhere		Under the Acts	Under other legislation	
1989	18	4	14	1	5	2	-	3	13
1990	24	4	20	-	6	2	-	3	19
1991	32	6	26	2	13	1	-	-	31
1992	20	5	15	-	5	2	-	2	16
1993	7	2	5	-	-	-	-	2	5
1994	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
1995	19	1	18	-	9	-	-	3	16
1996	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
1997	12	3	9	1	8	-	5 (3)	2 (3)	5
1998	25	4	21	-	16	-	2	1	22
1999	87	4	83	-	5	-	-	83	4
1998 1st quarter	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	4
2nd quarter	13	1	12	-	9	-	2	-	11
3rd quarter	7	-	7	-	7	-	-	1	6
4th quarter	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1999 1st quarter	83	1	82	-	5	-	-	82	1
2nd quarter	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
3rd quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(1) More than one extension of detention may be granted under the 1984 and 1989 Acts (see Table 9 for details).

(2) Persons charged with an offence and subsequently deported, excluded or removed are included under 'Deported, excluded or removed under Immigration Act 1971' only.

(3) Figures amended since publication of 1998 Bulletin.

**Table 3 Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 and extensions of detention granted, by police force area**

Great Britain, 1 January 1995 - 31 December 1999

Number of persons

Police force area	Persons detained					Persons whose detention was extended (1)				
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>England</b>										
Avon and Somerset	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bedfordshire	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridgeshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleveland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derbyshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Devon and Cornwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durham	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Essex	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gloucestershire	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Manchester	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Hampshire	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Hertfordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humberside	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kent	-	12	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-
Lancashire	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leicestershire	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lincolnshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London, City of	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merseyside	1	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Metropolitan Police	16	42	18	36	86	9	18	9	21	5
Norfolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northamptonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northumbria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nottinghamshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staffordshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suffolk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surrey	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sussex	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Thames Valley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warwickshire	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Mercia	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Midlands	-	3	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
West Yorkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wiltshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total England</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Wales</b>										
Dyfed-Powys	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gwent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Wales	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
South Wales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Wales</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total England and Wales</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Scotland</b>										
Central Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dumfries and Galloway	4	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fife	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grampian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lothian and Borders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Strathclyde	7	1	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	-
Tayside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Scotland</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Great Britain</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>

(1) Extensions of detention for persons originally detained in the stated police force area. In some cases the person may have been moved to another area and the receiving force applied for the extension.

**Table 4 Applications for exclusion orders, outcome, place detained, terminations of exclusion orders and numbers in force: persons concerned with Northern Irish terrorism**

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999

Number of applications

Date of application	Application for exclusion orders (1)	Application refused by Secretary of State (1)	Total	Exclusion order made: (1)			Person removed to: (3)		Exclusion orders ended		Exclusion orders renewed or replaced	Exclusion orders in force at end of period (6)
				Against person detained at port or airport	Against person detained elsewhere	Against person not detained under Act (2)	Northern Ireland	Republic of Ireland	Revocations or expiries (4)(5)	Deaths (4)		
1989	10	1	9	7	2	-	8	1	60	1	24	94
1990	17	1	16	4	11	1	12	4	37	-	24	97
1991	11	-	11	5	5	1	7	4	35	-	18	91
1992	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	34	1	21	79
1993	7	-	7	2	2	3	6	-	38	-	23	71
1994	4	-	4	2	2	-	3	1	28	3	14	58
1995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	5	35
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	6	24
1997	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	3	-
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(1) Unlike Table 1, orders are shown in the period they were made or refused, not the period in which the detention occurred.

(2) For example: order made against a person detained under other powers, a person released from prison or a person already outside Great Britain for another reason.

(3) Excludes cases where the person was outside Great Britain when the order was made, or where the order was revoked before being put into effect.

(4) Revocations and deaths in year shown; these may relate to detentions in a previous period. The order may have been revoked before being put into effect, after representations or after review (see footnotes 2 and 5).

(5) Includes orders revoked where a fresh order was subsequently made (see footnote 2).

(6) These figures are the result of combining the information in columns 3, 9, 10 and 11.

**Table 5 Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1984 and 1989 and charged with offences under these Acts <sup>(1)</sup>, by section(s) under which charged and outcome**

Great Britain, 22 March 1984 - 31 December 1999

Number of persons

Section(s) under which charged (3)	Total	Not proceeded with	Awaiting trial	Acquitted etc	Found guilty	Sentence (2)					
						Absolute or conditional discharge	Fine	Suspended sentence	Imprisonment		
									1 year and under	Over 1 year up to 5 years	Over 5 years
8(1) (failure to comply with exclusion order)	15	3	-	-	12	2	2	1	6	1	-
9(2) (making available money or property for use in connection with terrorism)	7	4 (4)	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	-
16A (possession of articles for suspected terrorist purposes)	7 (5)	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18(1) (withholding information about acts of terrorism)	15	10	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Schedule 5 (failure to co-operate with examination at port)	60	4	-	1	55	5	39	-	11	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>104 (5)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>

(1) Persons charged with offences under the Prevention of Terrorism legislation are included in this table and not Table 6 even if they were given a more severe sentence for other offences.

(2) Most severe sentences.

(3) Section numbers shown correspond to the 1989 Act.

(4) One 1996 case was finally dealt with under section 10 and was ordered to remain on file.

(5) Figures for charges under Section 16A and the Total number of charges amended since publication of the 1998 Bulletin.

**Table 6 Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1984 and 1989 charged only with criminal offences other than under the Act <sup>(1)</sup>, by principal offence <sup>(2)</sup>, where charged and outcome of charge**

Great Britain, 22 March 1984 - 31 December 1999

Number of persons

Principal offence (2)	Total	Not proceeded with (incl. cautions)	Awaiting trial	Acquitted or 'not proven'	Found guilty	Sentence (2)					
						Absolute or conditional discharge	Fine	Suspended sentence	Imprisonment		
									1 year and under	Over 1 year up to 5 years	Over 5 years
<b>Charged in Great Britain</b>											
Murder	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4 (3)
Attempted murder	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5 (4)
Conspiracy to murder	12	2	2	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Conspiracy to further the aims of the UVF (Scottish Common Law)	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Offences under Explosive Substances Act 1883	92	13	-	13	66	1	-	-	-	5	60
Conspiracy to cause explosions	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conspiracy to destroy property by fire	5	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	-
Offences under Firearms Acts 1968-1988	32	6	-	-	26	-	1	3	6 (5)	12	4
Theft Act offences	23 (6)	10 (6)	1	-	12	1	7	1	-	2	1
Conspiracy to defraud	12	4	-	2	6	-	2	2	2	-	-
Conspiracy to kidnap	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnapping, and administering drugs	8	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Violent disorder	79	-	2	-	77	77	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	38	10	-	3	25	3	8	4	8	2	-
<b>Total charged in Great Britain</b>	<b>317 (6)</b>	<b>51 (6)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Removed to Northern Ireland and charged</b>											
Murder	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2 (3)
Conspiracy to murder	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offences under Explosive Substances Act 1883	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
Attempted rape	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Offences under Firearms Acts 1968-1988	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Theft Act offences	3	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	1
<b>Total charged in Northern Ireland</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total (7)</b>	<b>328 (6)</b>	<b>53 (6)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>92</b>

- (1) Persons charged with offences under the Prevention of Terrorism Acts are included in Table 5 and not this table, even if they were also charged with other offences. Includes persons who may have subsequently been excluded, deported or removed.
- (2) If charged with more than one offence, the principal offence is that for which the person was found guilty or that for which the most severe sentence was or could be imposed.
- (3) Life imprisonment. (4) 1 person sentenced to life imprisonment. (5) 1 person sentenced to detention in young offender institution. (6) Figures amended since publication of 1998 Bulletin.
- (7) In addition, 96 persons were charged following an examination: 1 with murder, 1 with conspiracy to murder, 2 with an offence under the Firearms Act, 5 under the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act, 12 under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1 under the Bail Act, 19 under the Theft Act, 12 under the Road Traffic Act, 10 under the Immigration Act, 1 with assault on police officer, 1 under the Army Act, 2 with unlawful wounding, 2 under the Prevention of Crime Act, 1 under the Aviation and Maritime Act, 3 with malicious mischief (Scottish Common Law), 2 with Breach of the Peace (Scotland), 1 under the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act, 18 with attempting to pervert the course of justice, 1 with assault occasioning actual bodily harm and 1 under the Channel Tunnel Security Act.

**Table 7 Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 and charged with offences, by offence and year**

Great Britain, 1 January 1995 - 31 December 1999		Number of persons				
Offence (1)		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989:</b>						
8(1)	(failure to comply with exclusion order)	-	-	-	-	-
9(2)	(making available money or property for use in connection with terrorism)	-	1	-	1	-
16A	(possession of articles for suspected terrorist purposes)	-	-	5 (2)	2	-
18(1)	(withholding information about acts of terrorism)	-	-	-	-	-
Schedule 5	(failure to co-operate with examination at port)	2	1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b> (2)	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other offences:</b>						
	Conspiracy to murder	-	-	1	-	-
	Conspiracy to further the aims of the UVF (Scottish Common Law)	3	-	-	-	-
	Offences under Explosive Substances Act 1883	3	12	-	4	-
	Conspiracy to cause explosions	-	-	1	-	-
	Offences under Firearms Acts 1968-1988	4	3	2	-	-
	Theft Act offences	1	-	2 (2)	-	2
	Conspiracy to kidnap	-	-	-	-	3
	Violent disorder under Public Order Act 1986	-	-	-	-	79
	Other offences	-	-	1	1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b> (2)	<b>5</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>All charges</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>84</b>

(1) Persons charged under both the Prevention of Terrorism legislation and under other legislation are included under the Prevention of Terrorism part of the table only.

(2) Figures amended since publication of 1998 Bulletin.

**Table 8** Persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1984 and 1989 or Supplemental Order 1984 and not charged with a criminal offence, deported, excluded or removed, by length of detention <sup>(1)</sup>

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999

Number and percentage of persons

Length of detention	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1999			
												1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
Less than 2 hours	-	4	5	5	7	-	-	6	2	2	1	-	-	-	1
2 hours and less than 4	10	11	20	12	8	7	-	10	6	1	2	2	-	-	-
4 hours and less than 8	23	25	25	29	24	11	-	18	4	6	3	1	2	-	-
8 hours and less than 12	25	17	8	9	9	5	1	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
12 hours and less than 24	32	41	28	37	27	6	4	8	5	5	4	1	-	-	3
24 hours and less than 36	29	26	16	14	8	15	6	9	10	2	1	-	1	-	-
36 hours and less than 48	12	11	13	5	15	4	1	3	-	5	1	1	-	-	-
<b>Total under 48 hours</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
Percentage of <u>all</u> detentions under 48 hours (2)(3)	90%	85%	93%	78%	87%	84%	75%	95%	85%	96%	13%	..	..	..	..
2 days and less than 3	6	5	9	2	5	-	-	1	1	5	3	3	-	-	-
3 days and less than 4	8	6	11	1	5	-	6	7	1	9	-	-	-	-	-
4 days and less than 5	2	1	-	3	4	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 days and less than 6	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 days and up to 7	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total 48 hours or more</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Percentage of <u>all</u> detentions 48 hours or more (2)(3)	47%	40%	67%	47%	46%	-	50%	42%	22%	67%	38%	..	..	..	..
<b>Total detained and not charged, deported, excluded or removed</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
Percentage of <u>all</u> detentions (2)(3)	82%	77%	88%	74%	76%	79%	62%	80%	72%	82%	15%	..	..	..	..

(1) See Note 3 in Notes section.

(2) Not shown for quarterly figures because of significant variation between quarters.

(3) i.e. total detentions as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

**Table 9 Extensions of detention of persons detained under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts 1984 and 1989 or Supplemental Order 1984 by length of extension**

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999

Number and percentage of persons

Total length of extension	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1999			
												1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
<b>Extensions in connection with Northern Irish terrorism</b>															
1 day or less	5	4	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
2 days - single extension	12	6	10 (1)	4	13	3	1	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
- two extensions	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- three extensions	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 days - single extension	4	3	-	2	10	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- two extensions	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
4 days - single extension	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- two extensions	5	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 days - single extension	-	9	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- two extensions	2	1	-	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- three extensions	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12 (1)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Number extended more than 2 days (2)	13	18	1	7	24	-	8	15	-	4	-	..	..	..	..
Percentage extended more than 2 days (2)	43%	62%	7%	58%	62%	-	89%	65%	-	80%	-	..	..	..	..
<b>Extensions in connection with international terrorism</b>															
1 day or less	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 days - single extension	6	6	14	2	-	-	9	-	9	16	5	5	-	-	-
- two extensions	-	-	1 (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Number extended more than 2 days (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	..	..	..
Percentage extended more than 2 days (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	..	..	..
<b>All persons</b>															
Total number of persons whose detention was extended	36	35	30 (1)	17	39	4	18	23	9	21	8	8	-	-	-
Number extended more than 2 days (2)	13	18	1	7	24	-	8	15	-	4	-	..	..	..	..
Percentage extended more than 2 days (2)	36%	51%	3%	41%	62%	-	44%	65%	-	19%	-	..	..	..	..
Number of extensions involved	45	45	37 (1)	17	59	4	22	30	9	25	8	8	-	-	-

- (1) Includes one extension granted in Northern Ireland.
- (2) Not shown for quarterly figures because of significant variation between quarters.
- (3) Extension was for 2 days and 6 hours.

**Table 10 Persons examined for more than one hour under Article 4 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) Order 1984 or Paragraph 2 to Schedule 5 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 1989, but not detained**

Great Britain, 1 January 1989 - 31 December 1999

Number of persons

Length of examination and charges	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1999			
												1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
<b>Examinations with respect to Northern Irish terrorism</b>															
1 hour and less than 2	53	91	83	98	128	108	72	133	173	159	172	51	47	35	39
2 hours and less than 4	76	125	138	129	152	170	84	267	409	288	145	47	38	26	34
4 hours and less than 8	49	30	25	25	27	54	13	44	59	66	23	8	4	5	6
8 hours and less than 12	6	1	1	2	-	3	4	3	4	5	5	2	3	-	-
12 hours and less than 24	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	5	4	1	-	-
<b>Total Northern Irish terrorism</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>79</b>
<i>of which</i>															
Charged with an offence															
Under the Acts	4	4	12	14	13	8	8	8	22	10	4	-	3	-	1
Under other legislation	1	4	- (1)	4	3	5	6	5	6	23	18	9	1	6	2
<b>Examinations with respect to international terrorism</b>															
1 hour and less than 2	-	5	4	6	4	3	14	11	12	26	32	7	3	15	7
2 hours and less than 4	10	10	9	6	6	6	14	6	7	35	36	8	8	11	9
4 hours and less than 8	8	8	1	4	4	-	1	1	9	6	18	3	7	2	6
8 hours and less than 12	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	1	-	1	-	-
12 hours and less than 24	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total international terrorism</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>of which</i>															
Charged with an offence															
Under the Acts	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-
Under other legislation	-	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	1	1	2	2
<b>Total examined for more than one hour</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Total charged</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19 (1)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>

(1) In addition, two persons were returned to the Republic of Ireland to face charges.

## NOTES

### Legislation affecting the figures

1. The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 came into force on 29 November 1974. It introduced new powers to deal with terrorism:

- (i) It proscribed the IRA and made support for it illegal.
- (ii) It made it possible to exclude from Great Britain or the United Kingdom persons involved in terrorism.
- (iii) It gave the police powers to arrest suspected terrorists and to detain them for 48 hours on their own authority, with the possibility of an extension of detention for a further five days authorised by the Secretary of State.
- (iv) It gave the police powers to examine travellers entering or leaving Great Britain or Northern Ireland for the purpose of determining whether they are involved in terrorism.

2. The 1974 Act was replaced, on 25 March 1976, by the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976. This also made it an offence to contribute to or to solicit contributions towards acts of terrorism or to withhold information relating to acts of terrorism or persons committing them.

3. After 1976 the following amendments were made:

- (i) From 18 April 1979 the length of time the police might detain a person at a port or airport on their own authority was reduced to 48 hours in line with their powers of detention elsewhere; the authority of the Secretary of State was required for an extension of detention up to a further five days.
- (ii) From 18 June 1979 the subjects of exclusion orders which had been in force for three years or more were offered the opportunity to have their exclusion orders reviewed.
- (iii) From 3 July 1979 the Irish National Liberation Army has been a proscribed organisation.

4. The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 replaced the 1976 Act and came into operation on 22 March 1984. The Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) Order 1984 came into operation on 27 March 1984. The main changes affecting the statistics in the bulletin were:

- (i) Section 12(4) and (5) of the Act enabled the Secretary of State to authorise more than one extension of detention, provided that the total period or periods did not exceed five days;
- (ii) Section 3(4) of the Act limited exclusion orders to three years' duration. At the end of three years, exclusion orders expire although they may be renewed for a further three year period. Exclusion orders of indefinite duration made under previous legislation would, if not previously revoked, have expired on 21 March 1987. Further details are given in Note 4(iii) of Home Office Statistical Bulletin 29/88. The power to make exclusion orders was lapsed when the Prevention of Terrorism Act was renewed for another 12 months in March 1998.

5. The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 came into effect on 22 March 1989. It provided for the repeal and re-enactment of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984, with some modifications. None of the modifications affect the statistics collected in this bulletin.

6. Since 1989 the Act has been further amended by means of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, the Prevention of Terrorism (Exclusion Orders) Regulations 1996, the prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Act 1996 and the Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Act 1998. None of the modifications affect the statistics collected in this bulletin.

7. Persons detained under the 1984 and 1989 legislation in connection with international terrorism are not liable to exclusion, but those who are not British citizens may be liable to deportation or removal under the Immigration Act 1971.

8. The tables in this bulletin give quarterly and annual figures but most of the quarterly figures are small numbers and so are subject to considerable variation from quarter to quarter.

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