

Arrests under anti-terrorist legislation since 11 September 2001

The following table lists 287 arrests under anti-terrorist legislation since 11 September 2001, for which information is available.

Abbreviations: 'TA' - Terrorism Act 2000; all section references are to this act, 'ATCSA' - Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001, 'ESA' - Explosive Substances Act 1883

Name	Sex	Age	Nationality	Date and location of arrest	Details
Mufti Mohamed Khan	M	405	Saudi	11.9.01 - Heathrow airport	Arrested under immigration powers at Heathrow, two hours after the World Trade Center attack. Allegedly travelling on false documents on arrival from New York. Said to be one of Osama bin Laden's closest aides and second in command of Jaish-I-Mohammed (army of Mohammed). Banned from entering the UK on 5.9.01 by David Blunkett. He was released then re-arrested under the TA. Returned to the US on 15.9.01; the FBI arrested him for questioning.
Omar al Bayoumi	M	44	-	13.9.01 - Birmingham	A business student arrested on suspicion of funding terrorists was arrested but later released.

Three people * Lotfi Raissi * Sonia Raissi * Mohammed Raissi	M F M	27 25 29	Algerian Not known Algerian	21.9.01 - west London	Arrested under the TA in connection with the World Trade Center attacks. Mohammed (Lotfi Raissi's brother) was released without charge after three days; Sonia Raissi (Lotfi Raissi's wife), after five days and Lotfi Raissi was released without charge but re-arrested on an extradition warrant. He was released on £10,000 bail at an extradition hearing on 12.2.02 after the US failed to provide evidence of his involvement in training the September 11 terrorists. 16.9.03 Lotfi Raissi (27) launched legal action against FBI and US Department of Justice for false imprisonment, false arrest and malicious prosecution. In an interview with <i>BBC News</i> he said 'I can't fly aeroplanes anymore. I've been blacklisted from all airlines... All I have wanted is to clear my name... I'm a victim of the September 11 th atrocity. I lost my career and they destroyed my life, its not for the money, it's the principle. My family doesn't deserve to be labelled as terrorists and I didn't deserve five months in prison.' 6.10.03 at High Court, <i>Mail on Sunday</i> agreed to pay damages for an article that falsely accused Lotfi of being the chief instructor of the men who carried out the World Trade Center attacks and stealing the identity of a 74-year-old grandmother who had died four years earlier. 29.6.04 Sonia Raissi and Mohammed Raissi launched a legal action against the Metropolitan police for wrongful arrest.
Unnamed	M	-	405	21.9.01 - Birmingham	Arrested under the TA in connection with the World Trade Center attacks; later released.
Three men: Baghdad Meziane ○ Brahim Benmerzouga ○ Kamel Daoudi ○	M M M	38 31 23	Algerian Algerian French	25.9.01 - Leicester	Three men arrested in connection with a plot to blow up the US embassy in Paris. Kamel Daoudi was 'returned' to France on 28.9.01. Baghdad Meziane and Brahim Benmerzouga were charged under s17 of the TA (funding of terrorism) and with conspiracy to defraud. Trial started at Leicester Crown Court 22.1.03, halted and jury discharged; 6.2.03, restarted with new jury 10.2.03. 1.4.03 jailed for 11 years each after being found guilty of charges under s17. 10.03 They are given leave to appeal against their convictions. (See below for more details.)

Seven unnamed men	M	-	Iraqi and German	26.9.01 - Suffolk	Seven men, six Iraqis and a German, were arrested under the TA and for immigration offences after the Iraqis were found concealed in a truck outside RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk. The men were handed over to the immigration service.
Unnamed	M	36	Arab	28.9.01 - Gatwick airport	Arrested under the TA at Gatwick airport in transit from Middle East to the US. Released without charge then re-detained by the immigration service.
Sulayman Zain-ul-abidin □	M	44	British	1.10.01 - London	Arrested and charged under s54 of TA, allegedly connected to raising funds for Islamic Jihad. Acquitted by Old Bailey jury 9.8.02. Died in suspicious circumstances in Hillingdon hospital in early January 2003 after undergoing a routine knee operation. (See below for more details.)
Unnamed	M	24	-	1.10.01 - Waterloo, London	Arrested at Waterloo station trying to leave London on Eurostar. He was later released.
Unnamed	M	56	-	11.10.01 - Bangor, north Wales	Arrested in Snowdonia following reports of suspicious behaviour and held under the TA, released without charge five days later.
Yasser Al-Siri *	M	38	Egyptian	23.10.01 - Maida Vale, London	Arrested under the TA at his home. Charged a week later on three counts under TA and with criminal and public order offences. (See below for more details.)
Adnan Abdelah •	M	22	Moroccan	10.12.01 - Newcastle	Acquitted of charges under s11 of the TA 5.02. Remained in immigration detention, deported to Morocco 12.02. (See below for more details.)
Djamel Ajouaou	M	-	Algerian	19.12.01 - London	Interpreter working for a London solicitor. Arrested and detained without trial under the ATCSA. Refused bail 21.12.01 by Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) as still considered a significant threat but was allowed to return to Algeria.
☒ Mahmoud Abu Rideh	M	31	Palestinian	19.12.01 - London	Arrested and detained without trial under the ATCSA. Solicitors applied for bail 4.02 when he was on hunger strike and seriously ill. Bail refused. Transferred to Broadmoor psychiatric hospital 7.02 on order of Home Secretary. (See below for more details.)
Seven unnamed men	M	-	-	19.12.01	Arrested and detained without trial under the ATCSA. Two have 'voluntarily' left the UK (see Djamel Ajouaou above). Five remain detained without trial. All are Muslim.

<p>Three men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Avtar Hundal ■ * Kesar Dhaliwal ■ * Paramjit Singh 	<p>M M M</p>	-	-	13.1.02 - Dover	<p>Three men arrested under the TA on arrival at Dover from Germany. Two men, Avtar Hundal and Kesar Dhaliwal face charges under s11. 19.7.2 found guilty of being members of the International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF), a proscribed organisation. Sentenced to 30 months imprisonment for seeking to raise funds in the UK for the ISYF. 3.2.04 the men appealed against their convictions and had their sentences reduced to 12 months. (See below for more details.)</p>
<p>Nine men including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Farid Belaribi ◆ * Kais Hadi ◆ 	M & F	-	-	17.1.02 - Leicester & London	<p>Over a few days, police arrested 17 people in total; 16 in Leicester and one in London. Nine were detained under the TA; eight in Leicester and the other in London. The remaining were detained under immigration powers. Five were released on bail pending fraud inquiries. The other three were released to immigration service and detained on suspicion of immigration offences. One woman was later released without charge. (See below for more details.)</p>
<p>One unnamed man</p>	M	-	-	18.1.02 - London	<p>Arrested under the TA. Released to immigration service and detained on suspicion of immigration offences.</p>
<p>Six men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mousa Mohamad * Salah Famtazi * Ibrahim Rachid * Walid Zamzam * Majid Mousa * Omar Mohammed 	M	M	-	29.1.02 - Darlington, Redcar, Middlesbrough & Hartlepool	<p>Three arrested in Darlington and another three in Teesside, all under the TA, on suspicion of fundraising for Islamic groups. They were released without charge four days later. In 04/03, Durham and Cleveland police concluded a year-long investigation, Operation Icebolt, without bringing any charges. Police were investigating the links of the six men to Middle East terrorists. Mousa Mohamad, Salah Famtazi, Ibrahim Rachid (from Darlington), Walid Zamzam (from Seaton Carew, nr Hartlepool) and Omar Mohammed (from Middlesbrough) were all taking legal action. Mr Mohammed's wife, Tina and son Jamie were also suing the police for false imprisonment, trespass and assault. The landlord of Mr Zamzam, Salid Ramathan, was also suing for trespass. Offers of compensation from the police, were described as a 'smack in the face' and were rejected by the men.</p>

Four men: * Mehmet Karayilan * Oruc Geksoyler * Kahraman Ceren * Noori Noori	M M M M	48 36 52 38	Turkish	15.3.02 - Dover	Arrested boarding a ferry in Dover. All denied charges of supporting the banned PKK (s12 of the TA) and were acquitted in 11.02.
Four men including * Muhammed Abdulah Azam	M	32 21, 21, 23	-	15.9.02 - Luton	Arrested under the TA. Azam was charged under ss57-58 of the TA and remanded into custody. The others were released after three days without charge. 19/3/03 32-year-old Muhammed Azam, a paranoid schizophrenic sentenced to one year's imprisonment for the possession of literature relating to terrorism (s58). Azam admitted to buying books from the internet five years ago. It was also revealed that he had been detained for six months under the Mental Health Act in 1999.
Six unnamed men & five others on criminal matters	M	-	Algerian	18.9.02 - London	Arrested under TA, were under investigation for fundraising for Islamic groups. The men were all released on bail until 12/03. Five others were arrested at the same time; three were questioned on criminal matters and later bailed and two were arrested by the immigration service.
Two men: X and Y* * Cannot be named for legal reasons	M	-	-	21.9.02 - London	X was arrested on 19.9.02 on criminal charges; re-arrested on 21.9 under TA and charged under s57 and remanded in custody. Y was arrested soon after X and on 7.10.02 both appeared at court jointly charged under s57. Y was further charged under s58. On 25.2.03 X and Y appeared in court with another man - all faced charges of conspiring to produce a chemical weapon - ricin - with others 07.04 Trial begins of X and Y.
Abu Qatada	M	42	-	24.10.02 - London	Was granted political asylum in 1993. 10/01 has all assets frozen after being named on a Treasury list of terrorist suspects. Disappeared in 12.01 when ATCSA powers came in. Arrested under the ATCSA and detained at Belmarsh.

<p>Six men including: * Rabah Chehaj-Bias * W* * Karim Kadouri</p> <p>* Cannot be named for legal reasons</p>	<p>M M M</p>	<p>21 33</p>	-	9.11.02 - London	<p>Six arrests under TA that were linked by the media to an alleged plot to attack the tube with poison gas. 18.11.02 Rabah Chehaj-Bias, W and Karim Kadouri were charged under s57 and remanded in custody. Two others were released on bail and another was freed with no further action being taken. 16.12.02 they pleaded not guilty to charges. 02/03 Karim Kadouri sentenced to four months for possession of a fake passport. 26.2.03 W appears in court charged with conspiring with to produce a chemical weapon with a number of others.</p>
Unnamed	-	-	-	1.12.02 - Manchester	Arrested under the TA, released without charge.
<p>Two people including: * Hassan Butt</p>	<p>- M</p>	22	British	3.12.02 - Manchester	Arrested under the TA, taken to London for questioning, then released without charge. Allegedly a member of al Muhajiroun. The other person was also released without charge.
Ten unnamed people	-	-	-	5.12.02 - London	Arrested under TA, all released; six re-arrested on criminal offences.

<p>Seven people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Rory O'Driscoll * Allaatin Kalandar * Gurkan Gur * Songul Ozgur * Selver Kapan * Birten Kalayci * Unnamed 	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>F</p> <p>F</p> <p>F</p> <p>-</p>	<p>29</p> <p>38</p> <p>39</p> <p>36</p> <p>30</p> <p>30</p> <p>-</p>	<p>British and Turkish</p>	<p>11.12.02 - London and Cheshire</p>	<p>Seven arrested under the TA; six were charged on 14.12.02 under s11 and 15 (membership and fundraising for DHKP-C Revolutionary Peoples' Party, a proscribed organisation). One unnamed person was released on bail. 16.2.03 granted bail, conditions of which prohibited possession, distribution or sale of <i>Vatan</i> or <i>Emek ve Adalet</i>, magazines which are both legal in Turkey. June 2003 pleaded not guilty to charges under the TA: that between 28 March 2001 and 12 December 2002 they all belonged to a proscribed Turkish organisation, the Revolutionary Peoples' Liberation Party - Front (DHKP-C). One faces charges of 'facilitating the retention or control by or on behalf of another person of terrorist property', namely by keeping accounts from the sale of <i>Vatan</i> and <i>Emek ve Adalet</i> magazines and donations and 'giving instructions for the use of such monies for the purposes of the DHKP-C'. (<i>Vatan</i> and <i>Emek ve Adalet</i> magazines are freely available throughout Europe and Turkey.) The other five face charges under the same section: that they were involved in the sale of <i>Vatan</i> and <i>Emek ve Adalet</i> magazines and the 'receipt and distribution of funds were for the DHKP-C'. 16.2.04 trial began. 1.3.04 trial collapsed and case against the six thrown out after their defence produced a letter from the Home Office stating that the organisation that they worked for had never been banned.</p>
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Nine men: * Abdellah Abdelhafid * Mourad Idir Abes * Karim Benamghar * Salah Moullef * Hakim Ziem * Sofiane Lahamar Hassim Ziem * Ghalem Belhadj * Karim Ziem * Lasnan Lasnami	M	33 27 31 32 31 29 36 18	Algerian	18.12.02 - Edinburgh and London (seven men), 24.12.02 - one man Edinburgh, 02.03 - one man Edinburgh	Seven men initially arrested on 18.12.02, three in Edinburgh and four in London. One man was arrested later that month and another in 02/03 in Edinburgh. 24.12.02 all charged under s57 of the TA, refused bail and Edinburgh and committed for trial at the High Court in Edinburgh. 27.12.02 Karim Ziem, additionally, also charged under s57. 8.1.03 six of the original seven arrested, applied for bail and are refused. 14.3.03 nine men were released on bail pending further enquiries after a Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service report. 9.12.03 Crown Office decided to take no further action against the men. In August 2004, a number of the men publicly protested their innocence after it was revealed that their names were on a MI5 list of al-Qaida suspects.
Unnamed person	-	-	-	19.12.02 - London	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.
Unnamed person	-	-	-	22.12.02 - London	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.
Two men: * Soner Koyuncu * Gultekin Onur	M M	30 38	Kurdish	29.12.02 - Kendal, Cumbria	Charged 2.1.03 under s15 of TA, refused bail and remanded into custody. 10.1.03 further charged with receiving money, possessing property and being concerned in funding arrangements, all for the purpose of terrorism (ss16-17), namely the PKK. 02.03 Soner Koyuncu and Gultekin Onur walked free from court after the CPS said there was insufficient evidence to proceed with the case.
Three unnamed people	-	-	-	30.12.02 - London	Arrested under TA but later released without charge and rearrested on other criminal offences.
Two unnamed men	M	-	Algerian	1.03 - London	<i>Sunday Times</i> revealed that two men were arrested in 1.03 after Italian intelligence passed a list of 17 al-Qaida suspects to the Bank of England in order to trace and freeze their assets. The men were being held under the TA at Belmarsh.

<p>Seven people including: * R * S * T * U *Two unnamed men</p> <p>* R, S, T, U cannot be named for legal reasons)</p>	M	26 18 33 17 33	Algerian Algerian Algerian North African Algerian Ethiopian	5.1.03 & 7.1.03 - Wood Green and Stoke Newington, London	Six men arrested under the TA in a flat in Wood Green where traces of ricin were found. 7.1.03 a 33-year-old man was arrested in Stoke Newington. 11.1.03 R, S, T, U and an unnamed 17-year-old - all charged under s57 in connection with an alleged plot to use ricin. (Also charged under Chemical Weapons Act 1996.) T also charged under s57 of the TA. U was charged with two offences of possessing false documents. An unnamed man was released and re-arrested on drugs and immigration matters. Another was released into the custody of the immigration service. 12.6.03 S and R jailed for the possession of false passports. Charges of conspiracy to produce a chemical weapon with others were dropped.
Unnamed	-	-	-	8.1.03 - London	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.
Six unnamed people	M & F	-	-	12.1.03 - Bournemouth	Five men and a woman arrested under TA, allegedly linked to 'ricin' raids of 5.1.03. Five men were released on bail 13.1.03 pending further inquiries. The woman was released then re-detained on immigration matters.
Unnamed	-	-	-	13.1.03 - London	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.

Three men: * V * Z * Unnamed (Cannot be named for legal reason)	M	-	-	14.1.03 - Manchester	Three men arrested under the TA. Allegedly linked to the ricin arrests on 5.1.03. Police went to the address looking for two men for whom David Blunkett had issued deportation proceedings under the ATCSA, one man was arrested in Manchester and another in London. PC Stephen Oake killed during the arrests in Manchester. On 17.1.03 V was charged with his murder and the attempted murder of four other police officers. 20.1.03 Z charged under s57 TA - possession of articles for terrorist purposes. The unnamed man was arrested and detained under the ATCSA. Another man gave himself up to Manchester police a day after the raid and was handed over to immigration officers. 30.1.03 V further charged with conspiracy to produce a chemical weapon under Criminal Law Act 1977 and possession of articles for terrorist purposes - s57.
Two unnamed man	M	-	-	14.1.03 - Tottenham, London	Arrested after David Blunkett issued deportation proceedings under the ATCSA, another man was arrested in Manchester. (See 14.1.03 Manchester arrests.) Three other men released without charge.
Unnamed person	-	-	-	14.1.03 - Birmingham	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.
Unnamed person	-	-	-	15.1.03 - Birmingham	Arrested under TA but later released without charge.
Unnamed man	M	32	-	15.1.03 - Manchester	Gave himself up to Manchester police a day after the 14.1.03 raid and was handed over to immigration officers.
Three unnamed men	M	28 29 30	-	17.1.03 - Gatwick airport	Detained by immigration officials while 'in transit', arrested under the TA the next day and taken to a London police station for questioning and later released into immigration service custody.
Two unnamed people	-	-	-	17.1.03 - London	Arrested under TA but later de-arrested and bailed for criminal offences.
Three unnamed men	M	-	-	18.1.03 - Oakley, Gloucestershire	Arrested and questioned under TA after seen acting suspiciously near GCHQ spy base, later released without charge.

Seven men including: Q* * Cannot be named for legal reasons	M	31 40 23 48 38 22	Six North Africans and an Eastern European	20.1.03 - Finsbury Park mosque, London	Arrested under TA during raid on Finsbury Park mosque. Allegedly linked to the 'ricin' arrests on 5.1.03. Q charged on 27.1.03 under s57 (possessing articles for terrorist purposes) and remanded into custody. Three men (aged 48,38, 22) were released and then re-arrested for immigration offences. A 40-year-old man was released then re-arrested for possession of a CS gas canister and immigration offences. A 23-year-old man was released with no further action and one was further questioned over terrorism-related offences.
R* * Cannot be named for legal reasons	M	-	-	22.1.03 - north east London	Arrested under TA, linked to 5.1.03 and 20.1.03 arrests. 22.1.03 jointly charged under s57 of the TA and under the Chemical Weapons Act.
Four men: * Abdul Hamid Maskine-Djabar * K* * Krimou Azzouz * Mourad Khif * Cannot be named for legal reasons	M	30 32 35 31	Algerian	29.1.03 - Manchester	Arrested in four locations in Manchester and taken to London for questioning. On 1.2.03 they were all de-arrested under TA on 1.2.03 and then re-arrested and charged with possessing false documents on 2.2.03.
Unnamed	M	-	-	29.1.03 - north east London	Arrested under TA.

Seven people including: * Ali & Karen Serir * Fouad Lasnami	M & F	-	British woman Algerian man	6.2.03 - Edinburgh, Manchester and Glasgow	Seven arrested; two men in Edinburgh, one man in Manchester, a man and a woman in Glasgow (Karen & Ali Serir) and two men in London under TA and taken to Scotland for questioning. The British woman was released two days later. Police say arrests linked to TA arrests in Scotland and London. 12.2.03 Fouad Lasnami (28), who was arrested in Edinburgh, was charged under s57 TA. The men (30,36,32) arrested in London and Manchester were released without charge and the other man (26) arrested in Edinburgh was handed over to immigration officials. Algerian Ali Serir and his Scottish wife Karen were two of those arrested under the TA. Karen was held for 40 hours and then released without charge. Ali was also released without charge but rearrested by immigration officials and held at Greenock Prison. Campaigners successfully stopped his deportation, which was planned for 16 May, and the Home Office agreed to review the case. Karen was told by the Home Office that she could join her husband in Algeria if she wished (despite Foreign Office advice to British citizens not to travel to Algeria). 5.6.03 Ali Serir released on bail pending a decision on his claim for asylum. (See below for more details.)
Unnamed man	M	25	-	6.2.03 - Waterloo, London	Arrested under TA on arrival from Paris on Eurostar. The <i>Sun</i> claimed he was an Algerian arrested through Franco-British security co-operation.
Two unnamed men	M	25 26	Iraqi Kurd	13.2.03 - nr Leeds Bradford airport	Arrested under the TA when seen acting suspiciously near Leeds Bradford airport; released without charge two days later.
Two unnamed men	M	-	North African	13.2.03 - Heathrow airport	Arrested under TA near Heathrow airport perimeter fence and taken to Paddington Green station for questioning. They were released without charge the next day and one was re-detained by the immigration service.
Four unnamed people	-	20s	-	13.2.03 - Langley, Berkshire	Four people, all in their 20s, arrested under TA, in a village under a Heathrow flight path. Released without charge and re-detained by the immigration service.
Hasil Mohammed Rahaham-Alan	M	37	Venezuelan	13.2.03 - Gatwick airport	Found with live grenade in his luggage after arriving on a flight from South America. Charged with possessing an article for the purpose of committing a terrorist act and possession of an explosive substance with intent to endanger life or damage property and carrying a dangerous article on a British registered aircraft.

Charalumos Dousemetzis	M	25	Greek	25.2.03 - Heaton, Newcastle	Charged on 3.3.03 with two offences under s57 (possessing articles for terrorist purposes). He is allegedly associated with the November 17 terrorist group.
Three people including: * Jose Ivo Pestana	M	38 35 41	Portuguese	18.3.03 - Langley Green, Crawley	Three Portuguese men arrested under the TA after two home-made bombs found in a flat near Gatwick airport. 3.4.03 41-year-old Jose Ivo Pestana charged under the ESA. 9.03 trial began at Lewes Crown Court. Pestana denied unlawfully and maliciously having explosive substances with intent to endanger life and a further charge of possession of explosive substances. The court heard that Pestana was unhappy with the amount of compensation he was awarded after an injury while working at Garfunkels restaurant in 1995. He allegedly wanted to plant a bomb at the restaurant. 29.9.03 Found guilty by a unanimous verdict, sentencing adjourned until psychiatric reports had been prepared. 30.10.03 Sentencing him to ten years imprisonment Judge David Rennie comments 'this is not a terrorist case and I am not sentencing you as if it is.' He also recommended Pestana be deported on his release.
Three men: * Azhar Ali * Wajad Majad * Abdul Malik	M	21 20 25	British	21.3.03 - Luton	Arrested under TA after they planted a fake device on 21.3.03 at halls of residence at Luton University. Police evacuated the halls and called in the bomb disposal squad. 21.8.03 all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to place a hoax bomb with the intention it would induce the belief it was likely to explode or ignite and cause personal injury or damage to property. 11.9.03 each sentenced to two years.
Eight men	M	205	Iraqi	27.3.03 - two locations in Derby	Eight Iraqi men arrested at two locations in Derby under the TA. All eight were released two days later.

Six people including: * Zahid Sharif * Parveen Sharif * Tahira Tabassum * Amar Jazira * Zahir Ahmed	M & F	37 36 28	-	2 & 3.5.03 - Derby	30.4.03 British born 21-year-old Asif Hanif died in a suicide attack in Tel Aviv and 27-year-old Omar Khan Sharif disappeared after allegedly failing to blow himself up. Six arrested in the UK under the TA - Zahid Sharif (brother of Omar), Parveen Sharif (sister of Omar), Tahira Tabassum (wife of Omar) and three others. 9.5.03 Tahira Tabassum, Zahid and Parveen Sharif all charged with failing to disclose information that could have prevented a terrorist act. Parveen further charged with inciting an act of terrorism. 12.5.03 Omar Sharif found drowned on a beach near Tel Aviv. 16.5.03 Tahira Tabassum and Zahid Sharif granted bail. Parveen Sharif remained in custody but was later granted bail. 1.7.04 after a two-month trial Tahira Tabassum was found not guilty and the jury was unable to reach a verdict on Zahid and Parveen Sharif. Reporting restrictions prevented the publicising of the verdict for a week as the judge gave the CPS time to decide whether to seek a retrial. It will be held later in the year.
Shazad Ashraf	M	32	Dual British/ Pakistani national	17.6.03 - Leyton, London	23.6.03 charged under the TA with possession of items for the purposes of terrorism and items containing information useful for terrorism. He was, allegedly, found in possession of false travel documents, 'combat books, quasi military information and tactical planning material'. 22.3.04 trial due to start at Southwark Crown Court, but the CPS offered no evidence and the allegations were withdrawn and he was formally found not guilty. He admitted possession of a false passport.
Francis Sung Kei Lee	M	25	-	24.6.03 - Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	24.6.03 charged under the ATCSA with 'sending a quantity of white powder to induce a belief that it was likely to be a noxious substance', and bailed. 2.4.04 Francis Lee walked free from court after the jury returned a unanimous not guilty verdict. The jury believed his defence that his action of putting corn flour into an envelope with a parking fine was a practical joke.
Three men: * James McKenzie * Neil Findlay * Eric Hamilton	M	35 32 18	British	30.7.03 - Irvine, Ayrshire	Arrested under TA. 4.8.03 they appeared at a private hearing at Kilmarnock Sheriff's court charged with 'terrorist related' offences. (See below for more details.)
Ishmael Kamoka	M	38	Libyan	8.03	Found in possession of £6,000. <i>Sun</i> newspaper reported that he was being held under ATCSA at Belmarsh and that police believed the money was for the 'purposes of terrorism'.

Alan Davidson (aka Mohammed Kallem Ullah)	M	54	-	31.8.03 - Glasgow	Faces charges that he possessed equipment, allegedly a rifle, gun and fireworks that could be used in the 'commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism'. He was also accused of having intended to make bombs and possessed documents that highlighted military establishments and handwritten notes detailing 'action plans'.
One man	M	23	-	25.9.03 - South Tyneside	Initially arrested in connection with firearm and credit card offences. Re-arrested on 27.9.03 under TA.
Three men: * Amir Khan * Ramin Malique * Zublar Khan	M	23	British	29.8.03 - Dover port	Arrested under TA after 'prohibited weapons' found. Dover port closed for seven hours. They were later charged with the possession of prohibited weapons and remanded into custody. 1.9.03 released on bail.
Eleven men	M	20s and 30s	Algerian	30.9.03 & 1.10.03 - London and Manchester	Six men arrested in north, east and south-east London and four in Manchester. Another man was arrested in London the next day. Police said arrests carried out under s41 TA - commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. One of the men arrested in Manchester was reported as being a 'senior al-Qaida' figure, he was flown to London for questioning, the other men arrested in Manchester remained there.
Shaykh Yusuf Suleman Motala	M	-	-	11.10.03 - Heathrow airport	Muslim scholar on his way to a pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia arrested under TA and questioned for seven hours, after arriving at Heathrow from Manchester airport.
Andrew Rowe	M	32	-	25.10.03 - Dover	Arrested near Dover after arriving in the UK on a coach via the Channel Tunnel and later charged with five offences under the TA - possession and collection of articles and information for terrorist purposes. 7.5.04 pleaded not guilty to five charges under TA. The charges refer to a pair of socks attached with a cord and instructions on how to use a mortar. He is due to stand trial in January 2005.
Four men	M	-	-	28.10.03 - Sheffield	Police raided three properties in Sheffield and arrested four. 1.11.03 all of the men were released without charge but two were re-arrested and detained under immigration powers.

Abbas Boutrab	M	25	Algerian	3.11.03 - Maghaberry prison, Co Antrim	He was arrested in 4.03 as an illegal immigrant and held as an immigration detainee at Mourne House in Maghaberry prison, Co Antrim for six months. He was then arrested under TA after computer disks relating to al-Qaida terrorism and a training manual were found at the house where he had originally been arrested. Charged with receiving instructions in the use of explosives and other terrorism related offences. 6.11.03 at Craigavon Court, lawyers for Abbas Boutrab applied for a judicial review of police decision not to allow him another interpreter of his choice during police interviews.
Six men including: * Mohammed Rida * Mohammed Khatimi * Mostapha Safi * Samir Adimi * Nouredine Mouleff	M	28 28 32 20 36	Algerian	25, 27 & 28.11.03- Eastbourne, London	Mohammed Rida , Mohammed Khatimi, Mostapha Safi, Samir Adimi and Nouredine Mouleff charged with conspiring to defraud banks. Mouleff also charged with possession of items in connection with terrorism - s57. One man released without charge. Arrests followed Sussex police's investigation into credit card fraud. 21.1.04 five men appeared in court with Djamel Haddad (25) who was also charged with conspiracy to defraud clearing banks of £75,000. 26.3.04 Mouleff, who denied a charge under s57 TA, walked free from court after CPS decided not to proceed as batteries and wire in a rucksack containing were not capable of forming a device. Court also heard Mouleff was being treated for mental illness. (The conspiracy to defraud charges had been dropped earlier.) Mohammed Rida , Mohammed Khatimi, Mostapha Safi and Djamel Haddad admitted conspiracy to defraud £22,000. Safi and Khatimi also pleaded guilty to defraud another £15,000 and Safi also admitted three charges of obtaining a job with a false identity. Safi and Khatimi were jailed for 12 months, Haddad for six months and Rida was given a 12-month conditional discharge.
James McLintock aka Yaqub Mohammed	M	39	British	27.11.03 - Manchester	Arrested under the TA and released without charge the next day. Mohammed is a Muslim convert nicknamed the 'Tartan Taliban', known for being arrested on the Afghanistan/ Pakistan border in 2001.
Idris Haris	M	33	-	27.11.03 - Birmingham	Arrested on suspicion of terrorist activity and released without charge after two days.

Sajid Badat	M	24	British	27.11.03 - Gloucester	Police also searched another address in Gloucester and two addresses in Blackburn - one an Islamic college where Badat had studied. 2.12.03 Charged with conspiring with Reid and others unknown to cause an explosion in the UK or elsewhere and two charges of possession of explosive materials. Allegedly connected to Richard Reid - the 'shoe bomber'. Comments made by David Blunkett after the arrest were investigated by the Attorney General. 5.12.03 Attorney General announced he would take no action against Blunkett because the time between the comments being made and a likely trial would mean they did not create a 'substantial risk of prejudice'. Trial date set for January 2005.
Six people - 3 men and 2 women including: * Ahmed Boutouche	M & F	27, 34, 18, 20, 27	North African	2.12.03 - Cambridge and east London	Arrests made under s41 TA; they were all released under the TA but rearrested on other offences. Two men from Cambridge (27, 31), were re-arrested on fraud and immigration offences. A man, 34, from east London was re-arrested on immigration offences. The men were taken into custody. Two women 18, 20, both from Cambridge re-arrested on immigration offences and bailed. 12/03 Ahmed Boutouche charged with fraud offences.
Four men including: * Imran Hussein * Babar Ahmad	M	2x 29, 28, 32	British	2.12.03 - Tooting, Wandsworth, south west London	Arrests made under s41 TA - on suspicion of being involved in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. Six homes and three businesses were raided. 8.12.03 Released without charge. Babar Ahmed was reportedly asked by officers 'where is your God now?' The Independent Police Complaints Commission has been investigating a complaint about his arrest and treatment. 5.8.04 he was arrested on an extradition warrant from the US.

<p>Four men * Arshad Farid * Usman Choudhary * Umar Ijaz * Madasser Al Hussan</p>	M	26 23 24 26	-	2.12.03 - Dudley, Walsall and Luton	<p>Two men aged 23 and 24 arrested in Dudley and two men aged 26 arrested in Walsall and Luton. 15.12.03 Arshad Farid, Usman Choudhary, Umar Ijaz, Madasser Al Hussan all charged with receiving training in the making of firearms and explosives. Arshad Farid, Usman Choudhary, Umar Ijaz also charged with receiving training in the making of chemical and biological weapons. Usman Choudhary and Umar Ijaz faced another 11 charges under TA; Arshad Farid faced another five charges including one of possessing manuals, videos and audiotapes for purposes connected with terrorism - 557. Madasser Al Hussan faced four charges including one of failing to disclose information that could have assisted the police. They were all remanded into custody. 31.12.03 West Midlands police returned £2,500 seized from Dudley Central Mosque after it was raided. Police thought the money was from credit card fraud and funded terrorist activity. The money was proven to have been raised by the local community; Usman Choudhary is the son of the mosque chairman. 28.3.04 police and CPS announced charges have been dropped because evidence could not be prepared in time.</p>
<p>Wassila Alhibr Alwasila</p>	M	45	Sudanese	14.1.04 - Heathrow airport	<p>Initially arrested under the TA and then arrested under the Firearms Act after he was stopped after flying in from Washington DC carrying bullets in his coat. 04/04 he was jailed for nine months for holding prohibited ammunition, having no firearms certificate and possessing bullets without lawful authority.</p>
<p>Two people including: * Jaybe Ofrasio * unnamed woman</p>	M & F	31	Philippino	30.1.04 - Belfast	<p>Arrested with a female nurse who was released without charge after two days. 4.2.04 Charged with two counts of making funds available to others for the purposes of international terrorism (charges relate to Jemaah Islamiah). Court told that police were relying upon an alleged association between Jaybe Ofrasio and other people in detention in Indonesia and Malaysia. 20.4.04 Jaybe Ofrasio's lawyers challenged the legality of his detention saying that no documentation has been produced to justify his detention. 31.5.04 bail again refused as PSNI sought permission from the US to use secret CIA documents as evidence against him.</p>

George Galloway	M	-	-	12.3.04 - Heathrow airport	Arrested and questioned about a speech he planned to give at an anti-war rally in Belfast. Then received apology from Supt Phillip King, Special Branch posts section, for the arrest which was 'carried out in good faith, it was in my view not within the spirit of the act and clearly inappropriate for us to use s7 in the way that it was used.'
One man	M	35	-	18.3.04 - between Folkestone & Dover	Arrested after found walking along railway tracks at Samphire Hoe between Folkestone and Dover. The line was closed while security checks were carried out.
Nine people: * Unnamed * Anthony Garcia aka Rahman Adam * Jawad Akbar * Omar Khyam * Waheed Mahmoud * Nabeel Hussain * Unnamed * Unnamed * Nadeem Ashraf	17 21 20 22 32 18 21 19 27	M	-	30.3.04 & 1.4.04 - Ilford, Essex and Crawley, West Sussex	Eight men arrested on 30.3.04, ninth arrested on 1.4.04. Half a tonne of fertilizer was found during searches. 31.3 04 Mohammed Momin Khawaj, 29, appeared in an Ottawa court charged with knowingly facilitating terrorist activity in London and Ottawa between 11.03 - 03.04. 7.4.04 Nadeen Ashraf de-arrested under TA and rearrested and bailed on alleged deception offences. A 21-year-old de-arrested under TA and rearrested and bailed on alleged theft and forgery offences. 19-year-old de-arrested under TA and rearrested and bailed on alleged theft and deception charges. Anthony Garcia, Jawad Akbar, Omar Khyam, Waheed Mahmoud and the 17-year old were all charged with conspiring to cause an explosion between 1 October 2003 and 31 March 2004 with Canadian Mohammad Momin Khawaj, Omar Khyam, Anthony Garcia and Nabeel Hussain charged under s57 TA - possession of articles for terrorist purposes.
Two men including * Jacques Karim Abi-Ayad	M	38 39	French	2.4.04 - Ipswich	Arrested in connection with false documents, re-arrested the next day by anti-terrorist officers. 10.4.04 Jacques Karim Abi-Ayad charged with collection of information. The other man was bailed. 4.6.04 Charged with two offences of copying documents and possessing documents that could be used for terrorism. He is alleged to have possessed documents relating to the production of explosives and details relating on detonating explosives with a mobile phone. Trial date set for 22.11.04.

Ten people - nine men and a woman including: * Rebaz Ali * Shadman Sofi	M & F	-	North African / Iraqi Kurds	19.4.04 - Manchester, Staffordshire, west Midlands and south Yorkshire	Six men and a woman were arrested in Manchester; three men were arrested in Staffordshire, South Yorkshire and the West Midlands. They were all connected to an alleged attack on Old Trafford and held on suspicion of the commission and preparation of acts of terrorism. 25.4.04 three people, two men and woman from Manchester released without charge. 26.4.04 two men de-arrested under TA and rearrested on suspicion of other offences and bailed. 28.4.04 one man released but then rearrested by the immigration service. He was due to be deported the next day. 29.4.04 remaining four men released but rearrested and bailed on other matters. (See below for more details.)
Unnamed	M	28	Moroccan	6.7.04 - East London	Arrested after police raided three homes. He was held under s41; Was alleged to have acted as a 'facilitator'.

<p>Thirteen men including: * Mohammed Dawoud * Dhiren Barot * Mohammed Naveed Bhatti * Abdul Aziz Jalil * Omar Abdul Rehman * Junade Feroze * Zia Ul Haq * Qaisar Shaffi * Nadeem Tarmohammed * Matthew Monks</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>32 24 31 20 28 25 25 26 32</p>	<p>Asian origin - 10 are British citizens</p>	<p>03.08.04 - Willesden, north-west London, Luton, Bushey and Blackburn</p>	<p>Arrest allegedly connected to 'intelligence' found on the computer of Muhammad Naeem Noor Khan who was arrested on 13.7.04 in Pakistan. Two men in Blackburn, one in Watford, one in Luton, five in Willesden, one in Wembley, one in Sudbury and two in Paddington. Arrest part of 'pre-planned, intelligence led operation'. The men were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. Police also searched numerous addresses. A man arrested in Willesden was released without charge the next day. Press reports alleged that a senior al-Qaida operative was one of the men held, known as Bilal/ Abu Musa Al-Hindi/Issa al-Britan. Newspapers reported a planned attack on Heathrow and that police had failed to arrest five Pakistani men with links to al-Qaida. One of the men arrested in Blackburn was also released without charge three days later. Another two were released but then re-arrested on other offences: Mohammed Dawoud, 19, was charged with the possession of forged identity documents and the other, aged 24, was being held under immigration powers and bailed to reappear in November while inquiries continued into forged documents. 25.8.03 eight men, Dhiren Barot, Mohammed Naveed Bhatti, Abdul Aziz Jalil, Omar Abdul Rehman, Junade Feroze, Zia Ul Haq, Qaisar Shaffi and Nadeem Tarmohammed, appeared in court and were remanded into custody. They have been charged with conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to commit a public nuisance by using radioactive material, toxic gas, chemicals or explosives. Three of the men, Dhiren Barot, Nadeem Tarmohammed and Qaisar Shaffi also face charges under s58 TA - (Dhiren Barot charged with possessing plans of targets in the US including the Stock Exchange, the Prudential building, the IMF in Washington, and having notebooks with information on explosives, poisons, chemicals and related matters. Nadeem Tarmohammed was also charged with possessing a plan of the Prudential Building. Qaisar Shaffi faces charges of having an extract of the Terrorist's Handbook.) Matthew Monks was charged with the possession of a prohibited weapon and released on bail.</p>
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Unnamed man	19	M	Iraqi	19.8.04 - Selly Oak, Birmingham	Arrested under TA, in pre-planned intelligence led raid by Special Branch and the Met anti terrorist unit on suspicion of being involved in the 'commission, preparation or instigation of terrorist offences'. Two others arrested at the same time for immigration matters were later released without charge. It was alleged that the man had applied for political asylum after entering the country some months ago. He was released without charge but bailed on alleged deception charges.
Abu Hamza Al-Masri	47	M	Egyptian	26.8.04 - Belmarsh prison, London	Arrested at Belmarsh prison where he has been held since May 2004 on an extradition warrant from the US. He was taken to Paddington Green for questioning under s41 of the TA. 1.9.04 de-arrested under TA.

Case studies:

Below we concentrate on a number of particularly disturbing cases and draw attention to those cases which have involved less publicised incidents involving white people convicted under anti-terror laws

- **Adnan Abdelah**

Adnan Abdelah claimed political asylum on his arrival in the UK in April 2001. His bragging about the September 11 attacks and knowledge of bombs led to his arrest. At his trial in May 2002 at Newcastle Crown Court, Abdelah denied charges of membership of a proscribed organisation (Hamas iz as-din-al-quezzem) under s11 TA, and witness intimidation. On 23 May, the judge ruled there was no case to answer and directed the jury to clear Abdelah, commenting 'I have come to the conclusion there's no sufficient evidence that the defendant has taken part in the activities of Hamas after it became a proscribed organisation. Therefore neither of these counts can be proved.' Abdelah remained in immigration detention pending an asylum appeal, after which, on 19 December, he was deported to Morocco under police escort on a chartered flight from Newcastle airport. The Attorney General has meanwhile referred the decision to acquit Abdelah to the Court of Appeal. The case was then referred to the House of Lords and was heard over three days during July 2004. A decision is expected in October 2004.

- **Mahmoud Abu Rideh**

Mahmoud Abu Rideh came to the UK in 1995 with his family, and was granted refugee status in 1997. The Home Office accepted that he had been the victim of torture while imprisoned in Israel. He was arrested in December 2001 under the ATCSA and was detained without trial at Belmarsh high security unit. Several psychiatrists gave evidence at a bail hearing in June 2002 that Abu Rideh should be released to a low-level secure mental hospital because of his fragile health. The application was rejected. On 24 July 2002, Abu Rideh was transferred to Broadmoor psychiatric hospital on the orders of David Blunkett. Mahmoud has been on numerous hunger strikes since his incarceration and has serious mental health problems. He is currently being held at Broadmoor high security hospital on the orders of Home Secretary David Blunkett.

- **Baghdad Meziane and Brahim Benmerzouga**

Allegedly connected to the Paris arrest of Djamel Begal, 35, an Algerian who confessed to conspiring to carry out attacks on US targets in Europe, the two appeared in court on 17 January 2002. Baghdad Meziane was charged with directing the al-Qaida network, inciting an act of terrorism overseas, membership of al-Qaida and four charges relating to the financing of terrorism and Brahim Benmerzouga was charged with membership of al-Qaida and four charges relating to the financing of terrorism. He was further charged with possessing an article (solar-powered battery pack) suspected of being used in terrorism and with possessing nineteen videos containing images to stir up racial hatred (under s23 of the Public Order Act).

The trial began on 22 January 2003 at Leicester Crown Court. The men pleaded not guilty to charges under s11 of TA (membership of al-Qaida) and s17 (entering a funding arrangement for the purposes of terrorism). They also faced charges of conspiracy to defraud, the manufacture and use of counterfeit bank cards. Brahim Benmerzouga was further charged with the possession of three false passports and Baghdad Meziane was accused of the possession of one false passport. The jury was sworn in on 4 February 2003, the men denied charges of entering a funding arrangement for the purposes of terrorism - s17, that between 20.2.01 and 26.9.01 they entered into or became concerned in an arrangement as a result of which money or other property was made available to another, knowing it might be used for the purposes of terrorism. Brahim Benmerzouga admitted possessing three false passports and conspiracy to defraud. Baghdad Meziane denied the conspiracy to defraud charges but admitted the possession of a fake passport. After only two days, on the 6th, the trial halted for legal reasons and jury discharged, (an earlier jury was also discharged allegedly because

they were too scared to hear the evidence. The final jury, which brought in the unanimous verdicts, had two members discharged after they admitted reading or watching news, which could be considered prejudicial.) The trial was restarted on 10 February 2003 with a new jury. Both men were found guilty and sentenced to eleven years on 1 April 2003. *BBC News* reported that during the investigation twenty-eight other people were arrested for various offences (mainly in Jan 2002), seventeen of whom were convicted of fraud and jailed; one received a community punishment order; seven were detained for investigation by the immigration service; one was cautioned and two were released without charge. When sentencing the men, Mr Justice Curtis said: 'I appreciate that each of you has not personally committed an act of terrorism which has taken life or seriously injured anyone. But the terrorists, in order to carry out their terrible killings and maimings, need money, false papers and military-style materials. You both provided terrorists with the vital support and ran a well-organised and secretive cell.' In March 2003, their solicitor - Alastair Lyon - announced that his clients would be appealing against their convictions on the grounds that a fair trial was impossible because of the huge media interest. In October 2003, the men were granted leave to appeal against their convictions. The Attorney General decided to take no action against two media organisations that were under investigation over reports relating to the case.

□ Sulayman Zain-ul-abidin

He was questioned over raising funds for the banned organisation Islamic Jihad and his links with Zakina Security Services, which offered training for Muslims. On 9 August 2002 he was found not guilty of assisting or preparing for terrorism. After going in for a routine knee operation he died in Hillingdon hospital in early January 2003. Friends and family have alleged that he was murdered in his hospital bed. The FBI which alleged he was linked to 38-year-old James Ujaama, an American Muslim convert, who was sentenced to two years in prison in the US after pleading guilty to aiding the Taleban in Afghanistan, was still investigating him despite his acquittal.

* Yasser Al-Siri

He had been resident in the UK for over eight years with his family. A US extradition warrant accused him providing money for al-Qaida and 'knowing or having reasonable cause to suspect that the money would or may be used or the purpose of terrorism within the jurisdiction of the government of the USA.' A charge of conspiring to murder General Shah Massoud was dropped at an Old Bailey hearing. On 29 July 2003 he was discharged from an extradition hearing at Bow Street magistrates court after the Home Secretary 'was not satisfied that the prima facie evidence test was met and therefore concluded it would not be right to issue an order to proceed.'

■ Avtar Singh Hundal, Kesar Singh Dhaliwal and Parmajit Singh

On 13 January 2002 all three men were arrested in Dover under TA: Avtar Singh Hundal, Kesar Singh Dhaliwal were charged with membership of a proscribed organisation. Parmajit Singh was further detained under the TA. On 19 July 2002 they were convicted of membership of the International Sikh Youth Federation. On 3 February 2004 they appealed against their convictions on the grounds that their involvement in the ISYF took place in Germany before they travelled to the UK and were arrested. The Court of Appeal ruled that 'a person in the UK could commit the offence of belonging to a proscribed organisation even if he had joined or taken part in the activities of that organisation in another jurisdiction where the organisation was not banned in any way.' Their sentences were, however, reduced from 30 to 12 months after the judge concluded that the men did not know that what they had done contravened UK laws.

◆ Farid Belaribi

The 37-year-old Algerian was arrested in January 2002. In July 2003 he pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to defraud banks and credit card companies but denied any knowledge that the money was being used for the purposes of terrorism. His fingerprints were found on Brahim Benmerzouga's

car (see ○). On 10 July 2003 he was sentenced to three and half years for the conspiracy to defraud charges and a further six months for an earlier offence. He is likely to be deported on his release.

◆ **Kais Hadi**

The 23-year-old Algerian was arrested in January 2002 and held for five days and then released into the custody of the immigration service. He was charged with fraud offences and served eight months. However, he has since been detained under immigration powers pending his removal. The Home Office and Immigration Service have refused to release him and instead issued deportation proceedings against him in January 2004. On 9 July 2004, he attempted to take his own life when Blakenhurst Prison officers moved him to Shrewsbury Prison. Kais has also consistently been refused permission to marry his Irish fiancée, Soumia Berkaoui, to whom he became engaged in August 2001. Because she was then 16, they had postponed their marriage. His subsequent arrest in January 2002 under the TA hindered their plans. In February 2004, they had an Islamic marriage.

* **Rebaz Ali and Shadman Sofi**

Ali and Sofi were two of the ten men arrested under anti-terror laws in high profile raids in March 2004. Within hours, the arrests were connected to an al-Qaida plot to blow up Old Trafford - the home of Manchester United Football Club. Police sources were quoted in newspapers as saying 'the plot involved several individual bombers in separate parts of the stadium'. All the men were held for eight days and then released without charge. One of the men was to be deported and six others were arrested on other matters and then bailed. Rebaz Ali and Shadman Sofi, both Iraqi Kurds, were two of those arrested and detained. Their 'connection' to the plot to blow up Old Trafford came from 'evidence' found at their home - a Manchester United match fixture list, T-shirts, posters and old ticket stubs. The reason the men had these items in their possession is that both were life-long supporters of Manchester United. Two weeks after the arrests, Greater Manchester Police officers met with Kurdish community members and issued a joint statement: 'We discussed the negative community implications of media coverage of the background of those detained being of Iraqi Kurdish origin, including the fact that Greater Manchester Police confirmed those details... The police regret the impact this has had on the wider community.'

<http://www.irr.org.uk/2004/june/ha000003.html>

White, non-Muslims charged and/or convicted under Terrorism Act 2000

Fintan Paul O'Farrell, Declan John Rafferty, Michael Christopher McDonald

The men from the Republic of Ireland, were all arrested in Piest'any in Slovakia on 5 July 2001 after a MI5 'sting' operation, and extradited to the UK. They admitted offences including conspiring to cause an explosion in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. A charge that the men were members of the IRA was dropped. But Rafferty and McDonald pleaded guilty to five charges under the TA and one under the ESA. O'Farrell denied two of the charges under the TA but pleaded guilty to the other charges. On 7 May 2002 the men were sentenced to 30 years in prison for conspiracy to cause explosions and 12 years for charges under the TA, to run concurrently.

Barry Owens

Walked free from court in June 2002 after being found not guilty of displaying a flag in such a way as to arouse reasonable suspicion he was a member or supporter of a proscribed organisation - the Ulster Freedom Fighters. Police arrested the 36-year-old when he refused to give his personal details, while they were questioning him about the flag that was hung from his flat with the UFF's red hand symbol and the words Ulster Freedom Fighter and Ulster Defence Association. Owens' claim that the flag was being flown in support of Rangers FC was accepted.

Robert Baird and Donald Reid

On 25 September 2002 the two were sentenced to eleven years after pleading guilty to charges of conspiring to further the purposes of the UVF and conspiring to transport 5kg of explosives from Troon to Belfast. They also received sentences of eight years after being found guilty of possessing items to be used in an act of terrorism. Reid was stopped by police on 4 May 2003 and found with explosives in his car, after a two-week surveillance operation. Two other men, Brian Cairney, 41 and Alan Salmon, 30, were acquitted after not-guilty plea were accepted.

■ *James McKenzie, Neil Findlay and Eric Hamilton*

On 9 December 2003, the trial began against James McKenzie (36), Neil Findlay (33) and Eric Hamilton (19), who all denied charges of possessing guns and bomb-making devices to further the aims of the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Freedom Fighters and planning bomb or gun attacks. The men were also charged with the illegal possession of a sawn-off shot-gun and two stun guns. Hamilton was further charged in connection with the supply of cannabis. The offences were allegedly committed between February and July 2003. On 6 January 2003, Eric Hamilton was found to be in contempt of court after refusing to identify who supplied him with a sawn-off shotgun. James McKenzie was also convicted of possession of two guns. Hamilton admitted being concerned in the supply of cannabis. The judge directed the jury to find Hamilton and McKenzie guilty of possession of a stun gun and shotgun. The men were cleared of breaching s57(1)TA of links to the UDA and UFF.

James Rankin

In June 2004, 42-year-old Scottish man James Rankin lost his appeal against his conviction under the Terrorism Act for wearing a ring bearing the symbols of the UVF, which was likely to arouse suspicion that he was a member or supporter of the group. Rankin's punishment was to be 'admonished' by a sheriff. Rankin was stopped by police at Troon ferry port in Ayrshire on his way back from Belfast. He denied being a member or supporter of the organisation.

Grant O' Donnell

In July 2004, 19-year-old O'Donnell successfully appealed against his conviction for being a member of the proscribed Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF), after it was discovered that the charges had been wrongly worded. He was convicted of being a member of the UFF instead of supporting the group. He had been arrested in July 2002 after being found draped in a UFF flag, he was convicted and fined £250.

Alexander Hood

In August 2004, 32-year-old Hood was fined £250 after pleading guilty to wearing a shirt bearing the logo of a banned organisation - the Ulster Volunteer Force. He was arrested after going to the High Court in Kilmarnock where friends were on trial for arms and explosives offences (see above ■ James McKenzie, Neil Findlay and Eric Hamilton).

White, non-Muslims charged and/or convicted under Anti-terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001

Paul Smith

In November 2003, Paul Smith a 17-year-old schoolboy was sentenced to three years in a young offenders' institute and 12-month supervision order on his release after pleading guilty to charges under the s113 ATCSA - preparing and transmitting letters whereby the powder inside was deposited and inhaled by people opening them, all to their fear and alarm. He sent threatening letters with powdered 'poison' between 20 August 2001 and 7 February 2002 to prominent people, including Prince William and Cheri Blair. Smith who was aged 15 when the offences took place was recruited by

an unnamed Scottish Republican group. He never met the older man who 'groomed him' on the internet but agreed to send letters to 44 people containing powder which claimed to be ricin or anthrax - but was harmless. As a result of the letters a number of buildings were evacuated and people also had to be decontaminated.

Ian MacIntosh

In October 2003, Ian MacIntosh pleaded guilty to a charge under the ATCSA, that he sent a letter to Mohammad Sarwar MP containing white powder to his office in Glasgow, 'with the intention of inducing in the MP or a member of his staff a belief that it contained a noxious substance that would endanger life or create a serious health risk.' The letter also contained racist threats. He also pleaded guilty to sending racist hate mail to four others between May 1999 and May 2003. Police found a large quantity of Nazi videos and magazines when MacIntosh's home was searched. He was sentenced to 150 hours community service after psychiatrists said he was suffering from a mental illness at the time of the offences. In sentencing him the judge commented, 'I am prepared to accept you were clearly under a depressive obsession at the time and have responded to treatment.'

The laws: key provisions

TERRORISM ACT 2000

Section 11: Membership of a proscribed organisation

Section 12: Support for a proscribed organisation

Section 15: Fund-raising for a proscribed organisation

Section 16: Use and possession of property for terrorist purposes

Section 17: Funding arrangements for terrorist purposes

Section 18: Money laundering in relation to terrorist property

Section 40: Terrorist interpretation - concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

Section 41: Arrest without warrant

Section 54: Weapons training - offering training or instruction

Section 57: Possession of articles for terrorist purposes

Section 58: Collection of information for terrorist purposes

(Link to TA on web: <http://www.hms0.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000011.htm>)

ANTI-TERRORISM, CRIME AND SECURITY ACT 2001 (ATCSA)

The key power used under the ATCSA, which came into force in December 2001, is section 23 - detention without trial of foreigners suspected of terrorism and who cannot be deported. The Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) deals with bail applications and reviews cases every six months. In October 2002, the Court of Appeal unanimously ruled that the indefinite detention without trial of foreign suspected terrorists under ATCSA was lawful. Individual internees' appeals will be heard in May 2003.

Section 39: Religiously aggravated offences

Section 113: Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate.

(See http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/docs3/atcsa_detainees.html for details of detainees under ATCSA. Link to ATCSA on web: <http://www.legislation.hms0.gov.uk/acts/acts2001/20010024.htm>)

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Amended by TA 2000.

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