

# Arrests under anti-terrorist legislation since 11 September 2001

The following list is a survey of 154 significant arrests out of the 304 arrests made under anti-terrorist legislation since 11 September 2001.

**Abbreviations** 'TA' – Terrorism Act 2000; all section references are to this act 'ATCSA' – Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001

Person arrested		When arrested		Details
Mufti Mohamed Khan	M 40s Saudi	11.9.01	Heathrow airport	Arrested under immigration powers at Heathrow, two hours after Twin Towers attack. Allegedly travelling on false documents on arrival from New York. Said to be one of Osama bin Laden's closest aides. 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.
Lotfi Raissi	M 27 Algerian	21.9.01	west London	Arrested under the TA in connection with the World Trade Center attacks. The unnamed man was released without charge after two days, Sonia Raissi after five days, Lotfi Raissi was released without charge but re-arrested on 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.
Sonia Raissi	F 25 –			
Unnamed	M 29 Algerian			
Unnamed	M – –	21.9.01	Birmingham	Arrested under the TA in connection with the World Trade Center attacks; later released.
Baghdad Meziane	M 38 Algerian	25.9.01	Leicester	Arrested in connection with a plot to blow up the US embassy in Paris. Kamel Daoudi was 'returned' to France four days after his arrest. 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.
Brahim Benmerzouga	31			
Kamel Daoudi	23			
Seven unnamed men	M – Iraqi and German	26.9.01	Suffolk	Arrested under TA and for immigration offences after six Iraqi men were found concealed in a truck outside RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk.
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 for immigration offences.
Sulayman Zain-ul-abidin	M 44 British	2.10.01	London	Arrested and charged under s54 of TA. Acquitted by Old Bailey jury 9.8.02.
Unnamed	M 24 –	2.10.01	London	Arrested at Waterloo station trying to leave London on Eurostar.
Unnamed	M 56 –	11.10.01	Bangor, north Wales	Arrested 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 with three counts under TA and with criminal and public order offences.
Adnan Abdelah ❶	M 22 –	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 ❷	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 Blunkett's orders; sent back to Belmarsh 1.03; went back on hunger strike. 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. Five remain detained without trial. All are Muslim.

## ❶ Acquitted but still deported

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 one charge of witness intimidation. On 23 May, the judge ruled there was no case to answer and directed the jury to clear Abdelah. He 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, at the request of Special Branch.

## ❷ ACTSA detainee on hunger strike

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. In January 2003, Mahmoud was sent back to Belmarsh, where he is on hunger strike.

Person arrested			When arrested		Details
Avtar Singh Hundal Kesar Singh Dhaliwal	M –	Indian	1.02	Dover	Arrested on arrival at Dover from Germany under the TA. Found guilty in August 2002 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.
One unnamed man	M –	–	18.1.02	London	Arrested under the TA. Released to Immigration Service and detained on suspicion of immigration offences.
Six unnamed man	M –	–	29.1.02	Darlington	Three arrested in Darlington and another three in Teesside, all under the TA, on suspicion of fundraising for Islamic groups.
Mehmet Karayilan Oruc Geksoyler Kahraman Ceren Noori Noori	M 48 M 36 M 52 M 38	Turkish	15.3.02	Dover	Arrested boarding a ferry in Dover. All denied charges of supporting the PKK (s12 of the TA) – acquitted 11.02.
Muhammed Abdulah Azam and two unnamed men	M 25 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 later released without charge. Trial due to start on 17.3.03.
Six unnamed men	M –	Algerian	18.9.02	London	Arrested under TA, were under investigation for fundraising for Islamic groups. Of five others arrested at the same time, three were questioned on criminal and two on immigration matters.
Mouloud Sihali David Aissa Khalef	M 26 M 30	Algerian –	19.9.02 9.02		Sihali was arrested on 19.9.02 on criminal charges; re-arrested on 21.9 under TA and charged under s57; remanded into custody. Khalef was arrested soon after. On 7.10.02 both appeared at court jointly charged under s57. On 28.2.03 Sihali and Khalef appeared at court with Rabah Kadre (see arrests on 9.11.02), all facing charge of conspiring to produce a chemical weapon – ricin.
Abu Qatada	M 42	–	24.10.02	London	Disappeared in 12.01 when ATCSA powers came in. Arrested under the ATCSA and detained at Belmarsh.
Rabah Chehaj-Bias Rabah Kadre Karim Kadouri and three unnamed men	M 21 M 35 M 33	North African	9.11.02	London	Arrests under TA were linked by the media to an alleged plot to attack the tube with poison gas. Rabah Chehaj-Bias, Rabah Kadre and Karim Kadouri were charged under s57 and remanded into custody. They pleaded not guilty to the charges. Two men were released on bail and another was freed with no further action being taken.
Unnamed	– –	–	1.12.02	Manchester	Arrested under the TA, released without charge.
Hassan Butt	M 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.
Unnamed	– –	–	3.12.02	Manchester	Arrested under the TA, released without charge.
Ten unnamed people	– –	–	5.12.02	London	Arrested under TA, all released, six re-arrested for criminal offences.
Rory O'Driscoll Allaatin Kalandar Gurkan Gur Songul Ozgur Selver Kapan Birten Kalayci Unnamed	M 29 M 38 M 39 M 36 F 30 F 30 – –	British and Turkish	11.12.02	London and Cheshire	Seven arrested under the TA; six were charged on 14.12.02 under ss11 and 15 (membership and fundraising for DHKP–C Revolutionary Peoples' Party, a proscribed organisation). One unnamed person was released on bail. Six appeared in court 10.2.03. Conditions of bail prohibit possession, distribution or sale of <i>Vatan</i> or <i>Ekinek ve Adalet</i> , magazines which are both legal in Turkey.

## The new 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 54: Weapons training – offering training or instruction
- Section 57: Possession of articles for terrorist purposes
- Section 58: Collection of information for terrorist purposes

## References

### Terrorism Act 2000

[www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000011.htm](http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000011.htm)

### Anti Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001

[www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2001/20010024.htm](http://www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2001/20010024.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.

Person arrested		When arrested		Details
Eight unnamed men	M – –		17.1.02 Leicester	Arrested under the TA. Five were released on bail pending fraud inquiries; the other three were released to Immigration Service and detained on suspicion of immigration offences.
Abdellah Abdelhafid Mourad Idir Abes Karim Benamghar Salah Moullef Hakim Ziem Sofiane Lahamar Hassim Ziem Ghalem Belhadj Karim Ziem	M 33 27 31 32 31 – 36 –	Algerian	18.12.02 London and Edinburgh	Eight men arrested, all charged under s57 of the TA, refused bail and committed for trial at the High Court in Edinburgh.
Soner Koyuncu Gultekin Onur	M 30 – M 38		28.12.02 Kendal, Cumbria	Charged 2.1.03 under s15 of TA, refused bail and remanded into custody. Further charged 10.1.03 with receiving money, possessing property and being concerned in funding arrangements, all for the purpose of terrorism (ss16–17).
Samir Feddag Mouloud Feddag Mustapha Taleb Nasreddine Fekhadji Mouloud Bouhrama and three unnamed men	M 26 18 33 – 31 17 33, –	Algerian Algerian Algerian North African Algerian	5.1.03 Wood Green, London	Seven men arrested under the TA after raid where traces of ricin found. Samir Feddag, Mouloud Feddag, Mustapha Taleb 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. Mustapha Taleb also charged under s57 of the TA. Nasreddine Fekhadji 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 Immigration Service. In linked arrest, Mouloud (Mohammed) Bouhrama was arrested on 22.1.03 in north-east London, and charged under s57 of the TA and under the Chemical Weapons Act.
Four unnamed men	M –	Algerian	9.1.03 London	Arrested on suspicion of terrorist links by customs officers outside a bureau de change carrying over \$16,000.
Six unnamed people	– –		12.1.03 Bournemouth	Five men and a woman arrested under TA. Five men were released on bail 13.1 pending further inquiries, the woman was released then re-detained on immigration matters.
Kamel Bourgass Khalid Alwerfeli and two unnamed men	M 27 29 23 32	Algerian	14.1.03 Manchester  15.1.03 Manchester	Three Algerian men arrested under the TA after tip-off from Special Branch. Allegedly linked to the ricin arrests on 5.1.03. PC Stephen Oake killed during their arrests. On 17.1 Kamel Bourgass was charged with his murder and the attempted murder of four other police officers. Khalid Alwerfeli was charged under the TA. One man was arrested and detained under the ATCSA. Another man gave himself up to police a day after the raid and was handed over to immigration officers.
Three unnamed men	M – –		16.1.03 Gatwick airport	Detained by immigration officials while 'in transit', then arrested under the TA.
Three unnamed men	M – –		18.1.03 Oakley, Gloucestershire	Arrested and questioned under TA after acting suspiciously near GCHQ spy base.
Samir Asli and six other unnamed men	M 29 31 40 23 48 38 22	Six North Africans and an East 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. Samir Asli charged on 27.1 under s57 (possessing articles for terrorist purposes) and remanded into custody. Three men were released and then re-arrested for immigration offences. Another man was released then re-arrested for possession of a CS gas canister and immigration offences. One man was released with no further action and the last was still being questioned over terrorism-related offences.
Abdul Hamid Maskine-Djabar Kamel Mouzoug Krimou Azzouz Mourad Khif	M 30 – 32 35 31		29.1.03 Manchester	Arrested in three locations in Manchester and taken to London for questioning. On 1.2.03 they were all de-arrested under TA and then re-arrested and charged with possessing false documents.
Unnamed	M – –		29.1.03 north east London	Arrested under TA.
Seven unnamed people	– – –		6.2.03 Edinburgh, Manchester and Glasgow	Six men and a woman arrested in different locations 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.
Unnamed man	M – –		6.2.03 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 – –		13.2.03 Heathrow airport	Arrested under TA near Heathrow airport perimeter fence and taken to Paddington Green station for questioning. They were both later released without charge 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.