



### **Inquiry Gist of the evidence heard during the Green Hearings**

The Inquiry received evidence from a number of witnesses over the course of approximately one week during the phase of evidence known as 'Green Hearings' under RESTRICTED conditions. Each witness was reminded of the Green Hearing Restriction Order made in relation to them, before giving oral evidence. The following is a summary of the evidence received by the Inquiry insofar as it can be disclosed into OPEN without breaching the Restriction Orders made in relation to the Green Hearings. It should not be taken to mean that such evidence was provided by all witnesses.

The Inquiry heard evidence about:

- (i) UKSF being professional, driven, competitive, persistent and aggressive.
- (ii) High pressured environments and demanding conditions.
- (iii) The belief, at the time, that UKSF acted with integrity and largely within the spirit of the law.
- (iv) Rivalry between UKSF1 and UKSF3.
- (v) The perception of deficiencies in the detention process, including frustrations over short detention periods, and the perceived impact on the usefulness of Deliberate Detention Operations ('DDOs').
- (vi) Rumours that the number of enemies killed in the course of operations could be suggestive of executions.
- (vii) Rumours of dropped weapons by UKSF1 so that it appeared that there had been a threat to life and therefore a justification for killing individuals encountered during DDOs.
- (viii) Rumours of Afghan Partner Unit refusals to soldier with UKSF1 because of their conduct.
- (ix) One occasion during a DDO when an individual was shot in the head whilst they may have been sleeping.

Re-published 23 March 2026