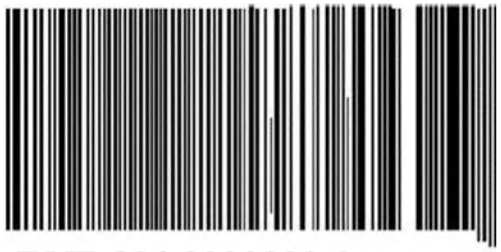
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Reference:

A. Independent Review Team Report dated Wed 25 Jan 17.
B. Gold Group meeting dated Thu 23 Feb 17.

1. Since the inception of Op NORTHMOOR in Mar 14, the investigation in respect of alleged unlawful killing has explored all avenues available to it without disclosing to potential suspects that an nvestigation is being undertaken, a stock take of where the investigation is at is summarised as follows:

a. Complainants – There are two known complainants who have not yet been interviewed. There have been challenges and efforts to secure their statements via their solicitors (Leigh Day and Co) have proved fruitless.

b. Scene – The scene has not been exploited and is never likely to be due to the security situation.

c. Bodies – Examination of the bodies has not been possible due to the security situation, religious and cultural sensitivities.

d. Weapons – The weapons used during this incident have not been recovered.

e. Witnesses – From the NG known UK service personnel present at the scene only NG witness has been spoken to.

f. Data – Relevant electronically stored information (RESI) has been secured, this is the data from theatre. There is believed to be RESI held by HQ DSF but access to and the method of recovery of this data is being determined.

2. Op NORTHMOOR to date has not established tangible evidence to support the allegation of unlawful killing, nor any corroborative evidence that would justify covert activity; this has been confirmed by the independent review team (IRT) appointed by PM(A). The IRT conclusion is that the investigation strategy and focus must change.

3. The IRT recommendations have been accepted by PM(A) and the investigation strategy must align accordingly; therefore the priority and focus is as follows:

a. High Priority – that the planned visit to Afghanistan in an effort to obtain witness statements from both Bang and Saitullah and any other available evidence be progressed.

b. High Priority – Efforts to recover Data Sets proceed, by consent and not seizure, in an effort to identify relevant material.

c. The categorisation of suspect status currently applied is removed.

d. That the ten similar events continue to be investigated in an effort to identify any evidential discrepancies.

e. At present no covert tactics requiring authorisation under the provisions of RIPA 2000 should be applied for.
f. An individual duty statement/report should be sought from each participant in Operation Tyburn, who is still in service.

g. An individual duty statement/report should be sought as necessary to other scenes as and when significant discrepancies have been identified.

h. That the back record conversion onto a suitable HOLMES account be restricted to material relevant to the main lines of enquiry. A 'Sequence of Events' category is developed within the HOLMES account.

Summary

4. Team 1, Op NORTHMOOR are to focus on the recommendations of the IRT.

5. Any issues concerning the content of this policy note should be referred to the undersigned.

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