



IN THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY RELATING TO AFGHANISTAN

RESTRICTION ORDER

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(1) and (2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

Any breach of this Order, failure to comply with it or threat to do so, can be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act, and the Court will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

PENAL NOTICE

The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order is made on 24 September 2026 and remains in force indefinitely unless varied or revoked.
2. The Chair may vary or revoke this Order by making a further order at any point.
3. Any breach of this Order, failure to comply or threat to do so, by any means whatsoever, shall be notified in writing to the Solicitor to the Inquiry (“STI”) immediately upon identification of the breach or other issue

Part One

4. Part One of this Order applies to all Inquiry hearings.
5. No person may make an audio or video recording of Inquiry proceedings without the express permission of the Chair.
6. No person may take a photograph in any room in which Inquiry proceedings are taking place and at a time the Inquiry is sitting, without the express permission of the Chair.
7. For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph 6 extends to any media annex.

Part Two

8. Part Two of this Order applies to the Inquiry hearing taking place on 25 September 2026.
9. The livestream of the Inquiry's hearings will be delayed for ten minutes.
10. No person may disclose, publish or broadcast, in any form or by any means, anything that is said or done in the Inquiry hearing room until ten minutes after it takes place.
11. If an application is made for a restriction order in relation to anything that has been said or done in the Inquiry hearing room in the preceding ten minutes, anything that was said or done during that period is subject to a restriction order prohibiting its disclosure, repetition or duplication until the Chair has finally determined the application.

Sir Charles Haddon-Cave
Chair

Dated 24 September 2026