



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY
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RESTRICTION ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE CHAIR'S DIRECTIONS IN:

The OPEN Ruling on the BBC 'Cross Application' dated 29 May 2026 (para 119)

This **ORDER** is made pursuant to section 20(4) and section 20(5) of the Inquiries Act 2005.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Provisional NCND Restriction Order dated 21 August 2023 (and orders made subsequent to it) is varied to permit disclosure or publication of the following terms:
 - (a) "Special Air Service" (or "SAS");
 - (b) "Special Boat Service" (or "SBS");
 - (c) "Squadron".
2. This Order remains in force indefinitely, unless varied or revoked.

The Rt Hon. Lord Justice Haddon-Cave

Chair of the Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan

Dated 16 June 2026