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PRESS NOTICE

The Chairman's 'Minded to' note on applications for restriction orders in respect of Jaipur and Karachi

Sir Christopher Pitchford, the Chairman of the Undercover Policing Inquiry, has today issued a ['Minded to' note](#) concerning applications for restriction orders made by the Metropolitan Police Service in respect of officers referred to as 'Jaipur' and 'Karachi'. The applications were filed before the Metropolitan Police Service withdrew Jaipur and Karachi as risk assessors. However, because Jaipur and Karachi continue to act as welfare, security and liaison officers as part of 'Operation Motion' and it is foreseeable that they may be required to give evidence, the Chairman has decided that their applications should be resolved.

In reaching his provisional view, the Chairman has considered the views of those who made submissions, and he has applied the legal principles set out in the [Ruling of 3 May 2016](#). The Chairman has provisionally concluded that the weight of public interest is in favour of granting restriction orders to protect Jaipur and Karachi's identities. This is because the release of their real names would risk the pre-emptive exposure of the identities of former undercover officers before they have the opportunity to set out their own cases for anonymity.

The Chairman is committed to keeping all restriction orders under review. Should the time come for Jaipur or Karachi to give evidence before the Inquiry, the Chairman would reconsider their restriction orders.

The Chairman has directed that any core participant who considers that an oral hearing is required should identify their reasons to the Inquiry by 4pm on Wednesday, 9 November 2016.

Background

The Chairman's note follows his [ruling and directions](#) dated 19 July 2016, and his subsequent invitation to the non-police, non-state core participants to submit their views as to whether or not restriction orders should be granted to protect Jaipur and Karachi's identities. The Chairman has also issued a [guidance note](#) for the assistance of risk assessors preparing reports to accompany applications for restriction orders by present and former police officers.

The purpose of the Undercover Policing Inquiry is to investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. The Inquiry will examine the contribution undercover policing has made to tackling

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crime, how it was and is supervised and regulated, and its effect on individuals involved - both police officers and others who came into contact with them.

The work of the Inquiry ranges across the full scope of undercover policing work and will look at the work of the Special Demonstration Squad, the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and police forces in England and Wales. The Inquiry will also examine whether people may have been wrongly convicted in cases involving undercover police officers, and refer any such cases to a separate panel for consideration.

The work of the Inquiry will fall into three modules:

1. Module one will look at what happened in the deployment of undercover officers in the past, their conduct, and the impact of their activities on themselves and others.
2. Module two will look at the management and oversight of undercover officers, including their selection, training, supervision and care after the end of an undercover deployment. This section will also look at the law and other rules covering undercover policing.
3. Module three will make recommendations about how undercover policing should be conducted in future.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This press notice does not form part of the [‘Minded to’ note](#) in relation to Jaipur and Karachi and does not form part of its reasoning. The full note is the only authoritative document.
2. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the Inquiries Act 2005.
3. The Inquiry’s [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
4. Information by way of background to the ‘minded to’ notes can be found in the [Ruling](#) dated 3 May 2016 (Restriction Orders: Legal Principles and Approach)
5. The Inquiry’s [‘frequently asked questions’](#) provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do [two published update notes](#).
6. The Inquiry’s website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry

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