

CHARGES RELATING TO SOLDIER X, SOLDIER Y, AND SOLDIER Z

Soldier X

Charge 1

Disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind contrary to section 23(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

On 12 day of December 2011, pulled the hand of an unknown Afghan male child towards his crotch area saying words to the effect of 'touch my special place', whilst on patrol in Helmand Province.

Charge 2 (alternative to charge 1)

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and service discipline contrary to section 19(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

Charge 3

Disgraceful conduct of an indecent kind contrary to section 23(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Between the 16th and 18th day of December 2011, pulled the hand of an unknown Afghan female child toward his crotch area, whilst on patrol in Helmand Province.

Charge 4 (alternative to charge 3)

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and service discipline contrary to section 19(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

Charge 5

Conduct to the prejudice of good order and service discipline contrary to section 19(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Between the 16th day of October 2011 and 6th day of January 2012, used insulting language towards an Afghan child.

Soldier Y

Charge 6

Committing a criminal offence contrary to 42 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 namely racially aggravated harassment contrary to section 31(1)(c) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Between the 16th day of October 2011 and 6th day of January 2012, whilst deployed in Afghanistan, was involved in having an unknown Afghan male being photographed holding a sign which read "silly paki" such being insulting behaviour likely to cause harassment alarm or distress.

Soldier Z

Charge 7

Failing to perform a duty contrary to section 15(1) (c) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Between the 12th day of December 2011 and the 31st day of December 2011, whilst deployed in Afghanistan and being aware that Soldier X behaved inappropriately towards and Afghan child, failed to take any steps to address such inappropriate behaviour, which was his duty as the patrol commander.

Charge 8

Failing to perform a duty contrary to section 15(1) (c) of the Armed Forces Act 2006

PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Between the 16th day of October 2011 and the 6th day of January 2012, whilst deployed in Afghanistan and being aware that Soldier X has used insulting language towards an Afghan child, failed to take any steps to address such inappropriate behaviour, which was his duty as the patrol commander.