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## 6. Statistics Relating to the Security Situation

### Summary

#### Deaths due to the Security Situation

- During 2006/07 there were four security related deaths, two fewer than in the previous year.

#### Security-Related Incidents

- The number of shooting incidents decreased by 62.8% from 156 in 2005/06 to 58 in 2006/07.
- There was a 75.3% decrease in the number of bombing incidents over the same period (from 81 in 2005/06 to 20 in 2006/07).
- There were 11 incendiary incidents during 2006/07 compared to one incendiary incident recorded in 2005/06.

#### Paramilitary-style Attacks

- During 2006/07 there were 74 casualties as a result of paramilitary-style attacks (i.e. both shootings and assaults), 78 fewer than in the previous year.
- Paramilitary-style **shootings** accounted for 26 casualties, 14 (53.8%) of which were attributed to loyalists and 12 (46.2%) to republicans.
- Paramilitary-style **assaults** accounted for the remaining 48 victims with 36 (75%) of such casualties attributed to loyalists and 12 (25%) attributed to republicans.
- In comparison with the previous year, the number of casualties of paramilitary-style shootings decreased by 50 (65.8%) and the number of casualties of paramilitary-style assaults decreased by 28 (36.8%).

#### Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds

- There were 55 firearms and 5,086 rounds of ammunition found during 2006/07. In addition, 132.2kg of explosives were recovered during the year.

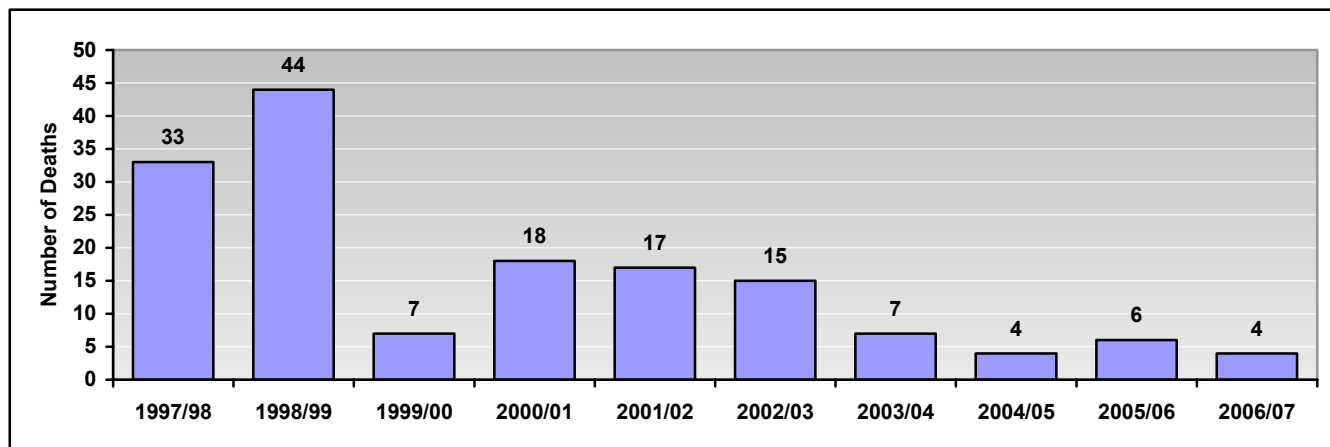
#### Persons Charged with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences

- A total of 185 persons were charged with such offences during 2006/07 compared with 322 during 2005/06.

#### Parade Statistics

- In total, there were 3,245 parades during 2006/07. Loyalist parades accounted for 2,480 (76.4%) of these while nationalist parades accounted for 174 (5.4%).
- Thirty-eight parades (1.2%) were re-routed during the year and conditions were imposed on a further 95 (2.9%).
- There were 14 parades (0.4%) at which disorder occurred.

**Figure 6.1: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1997/98 – 2006/07**

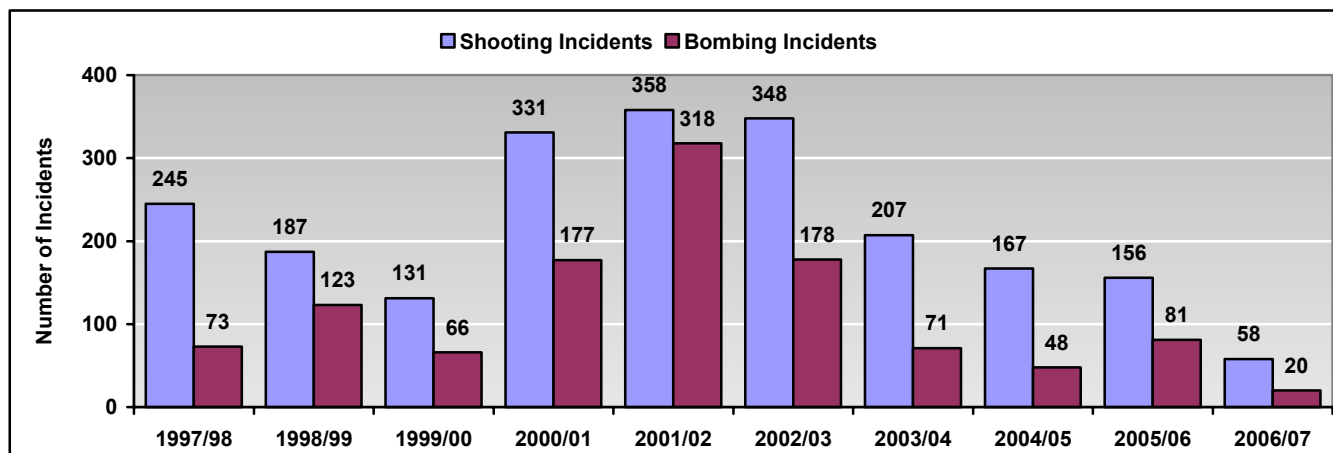


**Table 6.2: Deaths Due to the Security Situation 1997/98 – 2006/07**

	Police	Police Reserve	Army	UDR/RIR <sup>1</sup>	Civilian	Totals
1997/98	3	1	0	0	29	33
1998/99	1	0	1	0	42	44
1999/00	0	0	0	0	7	7
2000/01	0	0	0	0	18	18
2001/02	0	0	0	0	17	17
2002/03	0	0	0	0	15	15
2003/04	0	0	0	0	7	7
2004/05	0	0	0	0	4	4
2005/06	0	0	0	0	6	6
2006/07	0	0	0	0	4	4

<sup>1</sup> Figures include Royal Irish Regiment (Home Service Battalions).

**Figure 6.3: Shooting and Bombing Incidents 1997/98 – 2006/07**



**Table 6.4: Security-Related Incidents 1997/98 – 2006/07**

	Shooting Incidents <sup>1</sup>	Bombings <sup>2</sup>		Incendiaries <sup>3</sup>	
		Incidents	Devices Used	Incidents	Devices Used
1997/98	245	73	91	6	6
1998/99	187	123	229	20	20
1999/00	131	66	86	5	5
2000/01	331	177	206	9	22
2001/02	358	318	407	5	6
2002/03	348	178	226	8	8
2003/04	207	71	80	3	3
2004/05	167	48	51	29	36
2005/06	156	81	103	1	1
2006/07	58	20	29	11	11

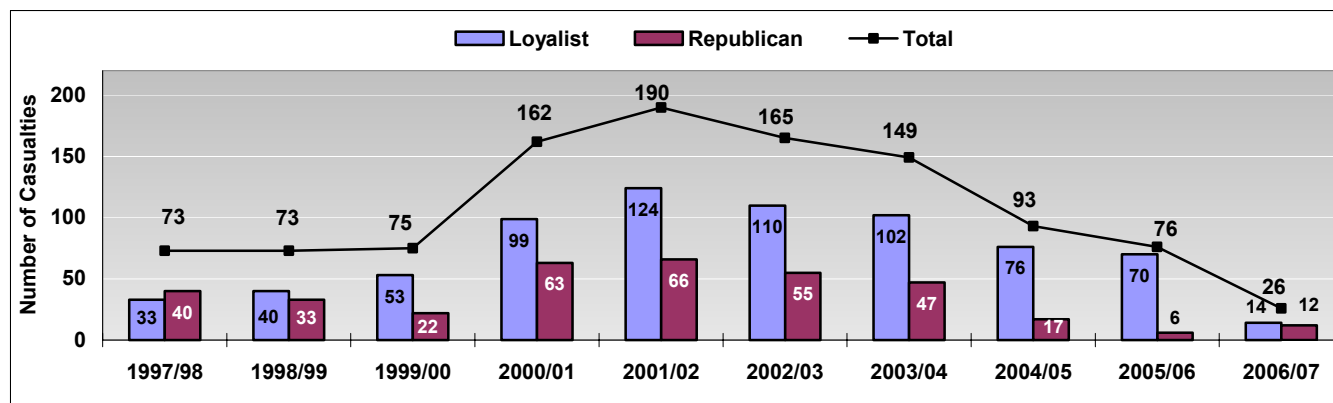
<sup>1</sup> The following types of shooting incidents are included:

- Shots fired by terrorists
- Shots fired by the security forces
- Paramilitary-style attacks involving shootings
- Shots heard (and later confirmed)
- Other violent incidents where shots are fired (e.g. armed robbery)

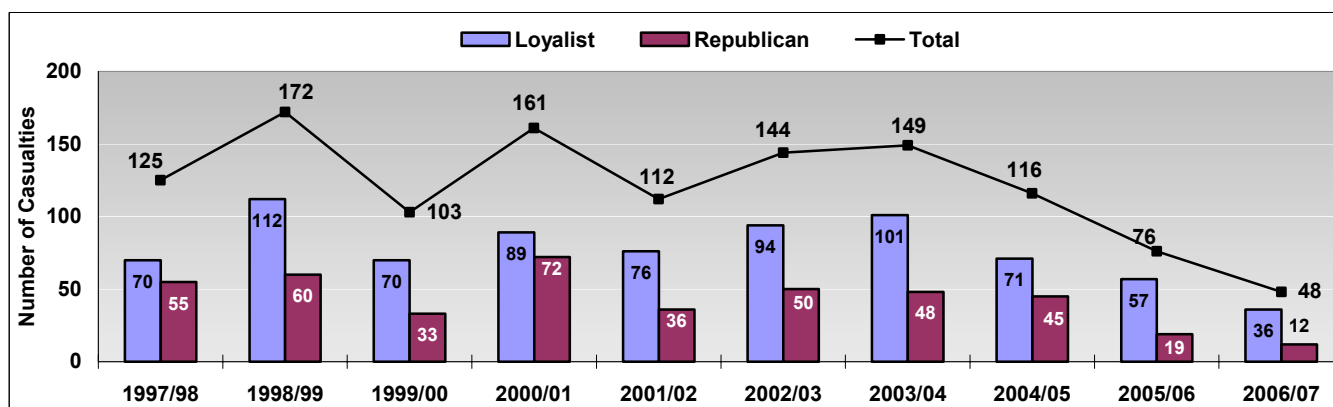
<sup>2</sup> An individual bombing incident may involve one or more explosive devices. Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used). Incidents involving hoax devices, petrol bombings or incendiaries are excluded.

<sup>3</sup> Incidents recorded include explosions and defusings (devices used).

**Figure 6.5: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Shootings 1997/98 – 2006/07**



**Figure 6.6: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Assaults 1997/98 – 2006/07**



**Table 6.7: Casualties as a Result of Paramilitary-style Attacks 1997/98 – 2006/07**

	Shootings			Assaults			Total Casualties (Shootings and Assaults)
	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	Total	By Loyalist Groups	By Republican Groups	
1997/98	73	33	40	125	70	55	198
1998/99	73	40	33	172	112	60	245
1999/00	75	53	22	103	70	33	178
2000/01	162	99	63	161	89	72	323
2001/02	190	124	66	112	76	36	302
2002/03	165	110	55	144	94	50	309
2003/04	149	102	47	149	101	48	298
2004/05	93	76	17	116	71	45	209
2005/06	76	70	6	76	57	19	152
2006/07	26	14	12	48	36	12	74

**Table 6.8: Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives Finds 1997/98 – 2006/07**

	Firearms	Ammunition (rounds)	Explosives (kgs)
1997/98	97	9,984	661.7
1998/99	104	13,416	778.4
1999/00	110	12,414	240.4
2000/01	134	12,970	98.9
2001/02	96	9,241	96.2
2002/03	129	18,549	19.9
2003/04	148	19,017	92.1
2004/05	81	23,822	26.5
2005/06	365	112,748	35.0
2006/07	55	5,086	132.2

**Table 6.9: Persons Charged<sup>1</sup> with Terrorist and Serious Public Order Offences 1997/98 – 2006/07**

	Persons Charged
1997/98	423
1998/99	441
1999/00	288
2000/01	273
2001/02	317
2002/03	359
2003/04	279
2004/05	242
2005/06	322
2006/07	185

<sup>1</sup> Statistics refer to charges brought against a person after the original period of detention (including extensions). Any subsequent changes, additions, deletions to the original charges are not included.

**Table 6.10: Parade Statistics 2006/07**

	Loyalist <sup>1</sup>	Nationalist <sup>2</sup>	Other	Total
<b>Total parades</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>3,245</b>
Legal parades	2,475	170	591	3,236
Illegal parades	5	4	0	9
Of the total:				
Parades re-routed	38	0	0	38
Parades with other conditions imposed	90	5	0	95
Parades at which disorder occurred	12	2	0	14
Parades banned	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> 'Loyalist' parades include those organised by the Orange Order, the Royal Black Preceptory and the Apprentice Boys as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the loyalist community.

<sup>2</sup> 'Nationalist' parades includes parades organised by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish National Foresters as well as band parades/contests or protest marches involving the nationalist community.