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**FAMILY CALLS FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF JEAN CHARLES DE MENEZES**

Following the revelations leaked about the shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, the family is calling for a public inquiry.

Helen Shaw, Co-Director of INQUEST said;

“These shocking and frightening revelations raise urgent concerns about the appalling circumstances of Jean Charles de Menezes’ death and current operational policies. The public should be told why the Metropolitan Police did not correct the misinformation about Mr de Menezes’ clothing and actions once the facts became clear. Serious questions must also be asked about the ability of the IPCC to conduct a robust, competent and secure inquiry into the death. INQUEST supports the family’s call for a public inquiry. Such an inquiry should look at the circumstances of the death, the quality of the investigation, the surrounding operational and intelligence failings and the ‘shoot to kill’ policy.”

The family’s solicitors Gareth Peirce and Harriet Wistrich said in a statement issued today,

‘In the light of many of the (family’s) questions having been answered during the last 24 hours by information clearly already in the possession of the police, we emphasise that we are unable to have confidence in any of the investigative processes that are now on offer in this case. In these circumstances, on behalf of the family, we suggest that a different, urgent, and open inquiry and public debate take place.’

Asad Rehman, from the Jean Charles de Menezes Family Campaign said;

"The police's version has not only been shown to be incorrect but the public were deliberately misled. It's evident we have been told lies and half-truths about how Jean died.’

The Family Campaign is calling for a full public inquiry to examine all the circumstances surrounding his death and to clear up whether CCTV footage had captured his final moments on film, or why cameras were not working as media reports have suggested. The campaign is also calling for the suspension of the ‘shoot to kill policy’.

**Notes to Editors**

**Police Shootings – 1993 to date**

FirstName	LastName	Ethnicity	Date	Area	Force	Inquest Verdict
Jean Charles	de Menezes	Brazilian	22/07/05	Stockwell Tube Station	Metropolitan	Awaited
John	Scott	UK White	16/07/05	Stocksfield,	Northumbria	Awaited

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				Northumbria		
Azelle	Rodney	Black Caribbean	30/04/05	Burnt Oak, London	Metropolitan	Awaited
Simon	Murden	UK White	02/03/05	Hull	Humberside	Awaited
Nicholas	Palmer	UK White	12/05/04	Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath	Metropolitan	Awaited
Phillip	Prout	UK White	04/05/04	Launceston, Cornwall	Devon & Cornwall	Awaited
Keith	Larkins	UK White	06/06/03	nr Heathrow Airport	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing + narrative
Colin	O'Connor	UK White	23/01/03	A6 nr. Clophill	Bedfordshire	Awaited
Fosta Errol	Thompson	Black Caribbean	16/08/02	St Werburgh's, Bristol	Avon & Somerset	Awaited
Jason	Gifford	UK White	24/06/02	Aylesbury, Bucks	Thames Valley	Suicide
Michael	Malsbury	UK White	14/11/01	Harrow	Metropolitan	Suicide
Steven	Dickson	UK White	01/11/01	Cadnor, Derbyshire	Derbyshire	Lawful Killing
Derek	Bennett	UK Black	16/07/01	Brixton	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing
Andrew	Kernan	UK White	12/07/01	Wavertree, Liverpool	Merseyside	Lawful Killing
Patrick (Kieron)	O'Donnell	Irish White	30/10/00	Upper Holloway	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing
Kirk	Davies	UK White	24/09/00	Pinderfields Hosp, Wakefield	West Yorkshire	Lawful Killing
Harry	Stanley	UK White	22/09/99	Hackney	Metropolitan	2- inquest Oct 2004 – Unlawful Killing – overturned in High Court – awaiting CPS decision
Derek	Bateman	UK White	22/06/99	Dorking, Surrey	Surrey	Lawful Killing
Antony	Kitts	UK White	10/04/99	Falmouth	Devon & Cornwall	Lawful Killing
Michael	Fitzgerald	UK White	26/02/98	Bedford	Bedfordshire	Lawful Killing
James	Ashley	UK White	15/01/98	St. Leonard on Sea	Sussex	Failed prosecution
David	Howell	UK White	20/11/96	Birmingham	West Midlands	Lawful Killing
Diarmud	O'Neill	Irish White	23/09/96	Hammersmith	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing
James	Brady	UK White	24/04/95	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Northumbria	Open
David	Ewin	UK White	16/03/95	Barnes High Street	Metropolitan	Hung jury
Robert	Dixon	UK White	27/12/94	Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Lawful Killing
David	Stone	UK White	15/10/93	Islington	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing
Ian	Hay	UK White	13/10/93	Totnes	Devon & Cornwall	Lawful Killing
David	Luckhurst	UK White	17/04/93	Enfield	Metropolitan	Lawful Killing

Source INQUEST monitoring

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free legal and advice service to bereaved people on inquest procedures and their rights in the coroner's courts. INQUEST has worked directly with many families whose relatives have been shot dead by the police and has raised concerns about the issues raised with MPs, government ministers and international human rights organisations. We have major concerns about the number of fatal shootings by the police and procedures for holding the police to account which serve neither the public interest nor the families of the deceased. A disturbing number of these deaths could and should have been avoided.