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WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE ARRESTED AND IF YOU ARE DETAINED IN CUSTODY FOR ANY REASON BY THE POLICE.

- You are entitled to free legal advice at the police station.
- You should state that you wish to speak to a solicitor, if your own solicitor is not available then request a duty solicitor.
- Do not discuss your case without obtaining legal advice.
- Do not sign the custody record to state that you do not wish to have legal advice.
- Do not believe the officers when they state that if you speak to them without a solicitor you will be released sooner.
- If you have any injuries as a result of the arrest taking place request for a doctor to attend to see you.
- You can make a call to members of your family or relatives or a friend to notify them that you have been arrested and are being detained at a police station.

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- What to do if you are approached by British Intelligence and Security Services or arrested under 'Anti-Terrorist', or any other legislation.

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IHRC and Arani & Co. have prepared this brief guide due to concerns over the harassment of Muslims and those identified as 'anti-Establishment' by security services in the UK. The current climate of hostility and prejudice in the UK against Muslims has increased the chances of harassment. Already there have been many complaints not only from activists whose work is uncontroversial but refugees, students, and even housewives that they have been threatened or approached by the police, intelligence or security services.

We hope this guide will assist those who are targeted in making informed choices and resisting undue pressure brought to bear on them if they find themselves in these situations.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE CONTACTED BY MI5

- There is no obligation on you to answer any of their questions.
- Do make sure that you obtain the MI5

officer(s) names and telephone number.

- State to the MI5 officer(s) that you intend to seek legal advice.
- State to the MI5 officer(s) that your solicitors will contact them.
- Do not try to be clever by talking.
- Do not think that MI5 officers are stupid.
- Do not discuss matters with MI5 officers with regard to your movements or anybody else's movements.
- Make a note of the time and place that the MI5 officer(s) contacted you.
- If the MI5 officer(s) say anything to you make a note of this.
- There is no obligation for you to work as an MI5 agent.
- There is no obligation under the law for you to answer any questions that MI5 officers put to you.

- Seek legal advice on this matter.
- Let the solicitors talk on your behalf.

WHAT TO DO WHEN CONTACTED BY SPECIAL BRANCH ALSO KNOWN AS ANTI-TERRORIST BRANCH

- Do not be misled by officers who state that they need you to assist them.
- Do not talk to them regarding any matter.
- Take the officers' names and telephone numbers.
- State to the officer(s) that you need to seek legal advice.
- State to the officer(s) that your solicitor will contact them.
- Do not discuss any matters with them, walk away once you have taken the officers' names and numbers.

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