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Mark Mazzetti and I are helping a NYT colleague in London with an article about the British practice of stripping citizens of their citizenship as punishment for terrorism-related offenses.

Our colleague noticed that several individuals who were stripped of their British citizenship were later targeted by U.S. drone strikes. This begs the larger question, what type of cooperation/coordination is there between the U.S. and the U.K. in those cases when the U.S. carries out drone strikes against individuals who are or were British citizens?

In addition to that broader question, here are some specific questions related to specific cases :

1) Are the names of nationals from allied countries on the so-called U.S. kill list communicated to those allied countries? For example, British nationals Ibrahim Adam and Mohammed Azmer Khan are both believed to have been killed by a drone strike in Waziristan in November 2011; Abdul Jabbar a year earlier. Did London know they were targets?

2/ Specifically, in the case of Bilal Berjawi, a former dual British-Lebanese national linked to al-Shabab who was deprived of his UK citizenship in October 2010 and killed by a US drone in Somalia in February 2012 within hours of calling his wife in London on his cell phone, was there any communication between the US and British government about either the stripping or the droning or both? Had Berjawi been on any Kill List and did London know?

3/ Ditto with Mohamed Sakr, former dual Egyptian-British national also linked to al-Shabab and childhood friends with Berjawi, stripped in Oct. 2010 and droned in February 2012.

4/ Why was Mahdi Hashi, who was stripped of his British citizenship when he was in Somalia in the summer of 2012 and then picked up and detained by the U.S. in Djibouti a couple of months later, sent to a high-security prison in New York? Why was it decided that he would be tried in the U.S. and not in his former home, the U.K., or in Africa?

Anything you can provide on these specific cases and/or the issue more broadly would be very helpful.

Thanks,

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