

Anatoly Kern

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Dear Anatoly

Thank you for your request of 11 June 2021 in which you ask for information related to the following question:

"I am aware of the New Zealand Police practice of using interpol notices for harassment purposes, e.g. intentionally putting false and misleading information for obstructing citizen's movements and causing useless interrogations on borders. (The practice commonly seen within small pseudo-democracy countries)

May I kindly ask for the documents/policies regulating the use of Interpol notices and alerts (e.g. Interpol manual?).

Additionally, I am looking for the list of persons/positions having an access to use them (Interpol notices/alerts) and procedures/policies in place preventing misuse of them in a harassment way if it is not a part of the above documents."

Your request has been treated in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I wish to advise that the information requested has been withheld under the following grounds of the OIA:

- The information requested in regards to the use, documents and policies of Interpol Notices is refused under section 18(d) of the OIA as it is publicly available. The information you seek can be located at the following website: <https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/About-Notices>.

It is worth noting that a Notice is only published if it complies with INTERPOL's Constitution and fulfils all conditions for processing the information as defined by their Rules on the Processing of Data. This ensures the legality and quality of information, and the protection of personal data.

- The names and positions of people having access is withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons and section 6(b) of the OIA, as the making available of this information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by—
 - (i) the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government;
 - or
 - (ii) any international organisation.

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If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Dunn
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