

Svar (10/8 04)**Justitsministeren** (Lene Espersen):

Justitsministeriet har til brug for besvarelsen af spørgsmålet anmodet Rigspolitichefen og Politimesteren på Bornholm om en udtalelse.

Når disse udtalelser foreligger, vil jeg vende tilbage til sagen.

Spm. nr. S 4583

Til statsministeren (29/6 04) af:

Villy Søvndal (SF):

»Vil statsministeren redegøre for samtlige skud-episoder i Irak, hvor danskere, som udfører private opgaver for koalitionen i Irak, har været i ildkamp, er blevet skudt på eller har åbnet ild mod irakere?«

Svar (5/8 04)**Statsministeren** (Anders Fogh Rasmussen):

Der henvises til besvarelsen af spørgsmål 4322.

Spm. nr. S 4662

Til statsministeren (7/7 04) af:

Villy Søvndal (SF):

»Kan statsministeren bekræfte oplysninger fra Internationalt Røde Kors og FN's børnefond UNICEF om, at den amerikansk ledede besættelsesmagt ikke alene har fængslet mindst 100 irakiske børn, men også mishandlet disse børn i flere fængsler rundt om i Irak?«

Svar (20/7 04)**Statsministeren** (Bendt Bendtsen, fg.):

Udenrigsministeriet har oplyst følgende, hvortil jeg kan henholde mig:

»Regeringen er bekendt med UNICEF's presmeddelelse af 11. maj 2004, hvori fonden gav udtryk for at være »profoundly disturbed by alarming news reports alleging that children may have been among those abused in detention centres and prisons in Iraq«. Regeringen er

tillige bekendt med udtalelser fra talsmanden i Internationalt Røde Kors om børn i irakiske fængsler.

Regeringen har dog ikke modtaget specifikke oplysninger om børn i irakiske fængsler og mulige overgreb på børn fra hverken Internationalt Røde Kors eller FN's børnefond.

Udenrigsministeriet har modtaget nedenstående presseberedskab fra amerikansk side, der har bedt Udenrigsministeriet understrege, at der ikke er tale om et officielt udsagn, men om et presseberedskab;

»How many juvenile detainees are there and have their families been notified of their detention?«

We currently detain 58 juveniles. As with all detainees, efforts are made to notify their families through appropriate government agencies and the ICRC is made aware of their presence.

Where are the juveniles being held?«

The majority of the juveniles have close family members who are also detained and they are placed in the same camp to ensure they have an adult looking after their welfare. Eighteen of the juveniles do not have adult relatives and are detained as a group, away from adult detainees, to ensure they are not harassed, influenced or abused by older detainees.

What are the ages of the juveniles?«

The age of many juveniles is not precisely known. Based on the best information available from the detainees themselves, 41 of them are deemed to be 17 years old, 13 are 16 years old, two are 15 years old, and three are 14 years old.

What are these individuals being held for?«

Juveniles are held for anti-Iraqi activities that threaten the security of Coalition Forces, the same as other detainees.

There have been claims that juveniles have been subject to abuse by the U.S. forces detaining them. Is that true?«

We treat any claim of abuse or mistreatment seriously and fully investigate any allegations. The treatment of juvenile detainees is no different than that of other security detainees, which is in a humane manner, with dignity and respect, and in full accordance with the Geneva Conventions. Special precautions are taken to look after their welfare and well-being, such as ensuring they are with a family member or, if no family member is present, separating them from the adult population.«

Vi har ikke grundlag for at betvivle, at koalitionspartnerne følger internationale normer og