

The Riots of 2011

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Short CCTV footage

- The case of Ahmadazi

Introduction to the riots

- 6th August 2011
- Tottenham, London
- Ended 10th August
- From 9th August – in other cities

Why did the riots happen?

- Background factors
- 'Triggers'
- The Riots Communities and Victims Panel – Interim report

Just how bad was it?

- 3600 crimes in London alone
- 500m GBP damage
- 15000 rioters
- Recall of parliament
- 16,000 extra police called in
- International football cancelled
- Biggest criminal investigation

Who was rioting?

- Findings by the Ministry of Justice
- “Complex set of characteristics”
- Young males
- Disadvantaged
- Educational issues
- Criminal history
- Ethnicity – reflective
- Gangs and Social media

Criminal Justice System - Challenges

- Gold Command
- Special unit
- Volumes
- Court capacity
- CJ resources
- Preserving justice

Success of the CJS

- 1400 cases concluded
- 85% conviction rate