

Nationality and the nature of crime for all foreign diplomats in the UK who claimed diplomatic immunity

Some 24,000 individuals in the UK are entitled to diplomatic immunity. During 2007, we were notified by the police of 78 alleged criminal offences. 20 of these alleged offences were serious offences that would, in certain circumstances, have carried a penalty of 12 months or more imprisonment. The Foreign Secretary publishes a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) in Parliament each year, which gives details of alleged serious offences by diplomats during the previous five years. This year's statement, which includes data for the period 2003 to 2007, was published in June. The text can be found at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080626/wmstext/80626m0002.htm#08062686000019>

The table below lists the other alleged offences which were not included in the 2008 WMS.

Alleged Offence	Number
<i>Actual Bodily Harm</i>	
Nigeria	1
<i>Dangerous Driving</i>	
Kenya	1
<i>Driving while using a mobile phone</i>	
Egypt	1
Kuwait	1
Libya	1
Malaysia	1
Ukraine	1
Uzbekistan	1
<i>Driving without due care and attention</i>	
Australia	1
China	1
Hungary	1
India	1
Iran	1
Kenya	1
Maldives	1
Mongolia	1
Saudi Arabia	2
Sudan	1
Yemen	1

<i>Failure to stop (at a pedestrian crossing)</i>	
Oman	1
<i>Overloading Vehicle</i>	
Libya	1
<i>Permitting an uninsured driver to drive a diplomatic vehicle</i>	
Sierra Leone	1
<i>Possession of a bladed article</i>	
Jordan	1
<i>Speeding</i>	
Algeria	1
Barbados	1
Bosnia	1
Chile	2
China	3
Denmark	1
Equatorial Guinea	1
Germany	1
Hungary	2
Indonesia	1
International Organisation Officials	15
Kazakhstan	1
Korea	3
Malaysia	2
Pakistan	2
Romania	1
Russia	1
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	1
Spain	1
Thailand	1
Trinidad & Tobago	1
UAE	1
Ukraine	4
USA	5
<i>Theft (Shoplifting)</i>	
Chile	1

Parking and other minor traffic violations are not included on this list of alleged offences. A list giving the total number and value of outstanding fines for parking and other violations is published as part of the WMS, and the 2008 list can be seen at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080626/wmstext/80626m0001.htm#08062686000017>