Second Police Officer Under Investigation After Manchester Airport Incident

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) have since come out and given a statement that an additional police officer is now facing investigation over the viral video of a man being restrained at Manchester airport.

The video which was captured on 24 January caused a public uproar and indicated that a man was handcuffed and restrained on the floor by several policemen and then whose head was kicked by one of them. Yet another officer is observed to bring his feet down hard on the man's leg.







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The event was followed by protests and a demand for an independent investigation.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has however opened an investigation into the use of force by the involved officers.

In a statement released on Wednesday, GMP said: We can confirm that a second police officer is now a subject to a 'misconduct' investigation after the 'incident' at Manchester Airport on 24 January.

The probe is being conducted by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) and a spokesman said 'We are fully compliant with their investigations and at this time can say no more.'

The development comes at the backdrop of early this week when it was reported that the first officer involved in the blast had been relegated to the desks.

The identity of the man who has been restrained by the officers is still unknown but it is known that he was released without being charged.

The incident has brought police reform debate in the UK back to the limelight with many critics saying that it is a clear example of police brutality.

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Health Care Crisis Furore and Demands for Change

The video of the event that took place at Manchester airport has triggered a lot of outrage and disgust. Several individuals have also used social networks to give vent to their anger over the actions of the police against the man.

Others have also demanded an independent probe of the case, saying that police cannot investigate themselves.

There is thus a clear need for reform of the police in the UK. It is equally important that there is a change of culture in policing so that the police officers are held to account.

We also need to observe more effective training of the policemen in the application of force. Police should not resort to the use of force unless it is the last resort and where force is applied, it should be reasonable.

The event that occurred at Manchester Airport is one of the examples that prove the necessity of police reform.

This means that we cannot allow the police to act as they wish, or to go on committing abuses.



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What is required now is a change of police culture, where the police are more responsive to the people.

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Independent Investigation Launched

The IOPC has opened an independent inquiry into the force employed by the officers in the Manchester Airport incident.

It is an independent organisation established as a non-departmental public body with the responsibility of investigating serious complaints against the police in England and Wales.

As has been mentioned earlier, the IOPC is an independent body and its investigations are conducted by investigators who are not police officers.

The IOC's investigation of the case that happened at Manchester Airport will probably take some time to be concluded.

However the investigation has to be done diligently and without any bias.

That is why the public has a right to know what happened in Manchester Airport. The IOC's investigation should hopefully give some of those answers.

