

Claims that a senior army general and a defence minister misled MPs and peers over British troops' use of banned interrogation techniques will be examined by a public inquiry into the mistreatment of prisoners, the Defence Secretary, Des Browne, said.

He spoke out in response to a complaint by the Joint Committee on Human Rights that assurances given to it by the armed forces minister Adam Ingram in 2004 and Lt-Gen Robin Brims, Commander Field Army in 2006, that hooding and other practices were not used, appeared to be false.

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