

**RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT
2005**

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(1)(b) and 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

Any breach of this Order, failure to comply with it or threat to do so, can be certified to the High Court or Court of Session under section 36 of the Act, and the Court will deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order is made on 16th December 2020. It remains in force indefinitely.
2. The Chairman may vary or revoke this Order by making a further Order at any stage during the course of the Inquiry.
3. Any breach of this Order by any means whatsoever shall be notified in writing to the Inquiry immediately upon identification of the breach.
4. There shall be no disclosure of, or reference to, any part of the hearing held in the morning of 16th December 2020 to hear submissions on the attendance at the Inquiry of Ahmed Taghdi, subject to the matters identified in paragraph 5.
5. The matters listed below can be disclosed:
 - i. Mr Taghdi is not going to attend the hearing in response to the section 21 notice issued under the Inquiries Act 2005.
 - ii. The inquiry is intending to enforce the notice subject to any medical report.
 - iii. Mr Taghdi is citing health reasons for not coming to the hearing and that, having seen some of the evidence at the inquiry, he is concerned about the nature of the questioning.

PENAL NOTICE

6. The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

Sir John Saunders
Chairman, Manchester Arena Inquiry

16 December 2020