

PRESS RELEASE

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UK Counter-Terrorism Bill – Creating a Climate of Fear

The Campaign Against the Criminalisation of Communities (CAMPACC) with the Centre for the Study of Terrorism (CFSOT), will hold a public meeting on Friday 14 March 2008 at the London Muslim Centre, to draw attention to the Counter Terrorism Bill currently before Parliament. The meeting is co-sponsored by the London Muslim Centre, Islamic Forum of Europe, Cage Prisoners and the Newham Monitoring Project.

Speakers will include prominent human rights lawyer Gareth Peirce; journalist Victoria Brittain (known for her theatre production on Guantanamo Bay and her collaboration with Moazzam Begg in writing his autobiography); Asad Rehman who has worked with the Newham Monitoring Project and Amnesty International; and Mahan Abedin, Director of Research at the Centre for the Study of Terrorism.

Media comment on the Counter-Terrorism Bill has focussed on the proposal for up to 42 days detention without charge. The meeting will consider not only this, but several other highly controversial proposals in the Bill. They include post-charge questioning of 'terror suspects', new powers to confiscate property such as vehicles and computers without due legal process, restrictions on foreign travel, increased powers of surveillance and secret evidence at inquests where killing by police or army personnel is involved.

Media enquiries to Mahan Abedin, CFSOT, 0208 838 0770

There will be facilities for interviewing and filming at the meeting.

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**Campaign Against Criminalising Communities and
the Centre for the Study of Terrorism**

present:

CREATING A CLIMATE OF FEAR

*Counter-Terrorism and Punishment without
Trial*

Co-sponsored by **Islamic Forum of Europe, London Muslim Centre &
Newham Monitoring Project**

Speakers:

Gareth Peirce – Human Rights lawyer
Saghir Hussein – Cage Prisoners
Muhammad Habibur Rahman – Islamic Forum of Europe
Ben Hayes – Statewatch
Azad Ali – Muslim Safety Forum
Dr Kamal el-Helbway - CFSOT
Les Levidow – CAMPACC
Victoria Brittain - Journalist
Mahan Abedin – CFSOT
Asad Rehman – Newham Monitoring Project

**Friday 14 March 2008
6.30pm - 9.00pm
London Muslim Centre
Whitechapel Road
(Tube: Whitechapel or Aldgate East)**

All welcome

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