



Professor Bill Bowring, Director of the Human Rights & Social Justice Research Institute at London Metropolitan University invites you to;

Torture & 'Security' Agencies in the 'War on Terror'

*Seminar on the complicity of 'security' agencies in global torture,
including extraordinary rendition*

Saturday 22nd April 2006

From 1pm to 5.30pm

Recent revelations and allegations about extra-ordinary rendition suggest complicity by European governments in 'torture flights'. Such involvement has precedents in British and American foreign policy, dating back to their involvement in Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia. Today the problem goes far beyond torture flights: 'security' agencies in Europe have a broader complicity in global torture through cooperation with repressive regimes, e.g. by exchanging information on dissidents, deporting them to torture, using the consequent 'information' to intern or prosecute individuals in Europe, etc. In some cases these agencies are targeting movements which were previously encouraged as means to counter Left or nationalist politics, before the 'blow-back' led to violent attacks in Europe.

The seminar would attempt to draw links among all those issues, as a basis to draw out implications for counter-strategy against the permanent 'War on Terror'

Speakers include; Nafeez Mosaddeq Ahmed (*author of 'War on Truth' and the forthcoming book 'London Bombings'*), Ruth Blakeley (*University of Bristol, also Consortium for Research on Terrorology and Political Violence*), Jonathan Bloch (*Co-author with Paul Todd of 'Global Intelligence - The World's Secret Services Today'*), Professor Bill Bowring (*Barrister, Professor of Human Rights and International Law & Director of the HRSJ Research Institute*), Carla Ferstman (*Director of Redress*), Ben Hayes (*Statewatch*), Les Levidow (*CAMPACC*), Richard Norton-Taylor (*Journalist, The Guardian*), Dr Ghayasuddin Siddiqui (*Leader of The Muslim Parliament*), Francis Webber (*Barrister at Garden Court Chambers and member of CARF*).

The event is co-sponsored by: CAMPACC, Garden Court Chambers, The Muslim Parliament, Statewatch, Redress, Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers and the British Muslim Human Rights Centre.

Participation and contributions to debate will be welcome

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