

Public meeting

‘TERRORISM’ LISTS VERSUS THE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND DEMOCRACY

Wednesday 2 May, 6.30pm

Committee Room 3
House of Lords
Westminster SW1

Hosted by Lord Rea

Speakers include: **Prof Bill Bowring**, Professor of Law, Birkbeck College, University of London School of Law; **Ben Hayes**, Statewatch, **Desmond Fernandes**, political analyst, author of *The Kurdish Genocide in Turkey* (Apec, 2007); **Les Levidow**, CAMPACC; **Arzu Pesmen**, Kurdish Federation UK; **Nagendram Seevaratnam** (Tamil Campaign for Truth and Justice) and **Jagdeesh Singh**, The Panjaab National History Society and **Tony Wood**, Save Chechnya Campaign

Seven years ago the Campaign Against Criminalising Communities was set up to protest against the Terrorism Act 2000, which authorizes the Home Secretary to ban groups deemed "terrorist". Under this law, the state acts as judge and jury on the legitimacy of political violence and on allegations of terrorism.

Terror lists are used as instruments of foreign policy, contrary to principles of international law. The list of proscribed organisations has grown from 21 organisations (in March 2001) to 46 organisations today, the EU has proscribed 50 groups and 54 individuals, and the UN "terrorist list" includes 125 groups and over 350 individuals.

These lists have instituted into law George Bush's bogus distinction between "us" (good) and "terrorists" (evil). Struggles for self-determination have been criminalised by the "international community". Those affected are denied the means to challenge the allegations against them. The bans undermine prospects for conflict resolution abroad and curtail freedom of expression at home.

This meeting will hear from those affected by proscription regimes. Speakers will scrutinise such regimes within 'anti-terror' legislation, both current and future. We will discuss ways forward for those seeking to challenge and reverse the bans.

For more information

On the bans and resistance:

<http://www.statewatch.org/terrorlists/terrorlists>

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