

What SACC stands For

SACC campaigns against the use of state powers to criminalise political activity and calls for the repeal of Britain's terrorism acts.

SACC works in close association with the communities most affected by this legislation.

SACC insists that everyone has the right to be treated as innocent unless proven guilty.

SACC is affiliated to the UK **Stop the War Coalition**, to the **Campaign Against Criminalising Communities**, and to the **National Guantanamo Coalition**. It has a reciprocal affiliation arrangement with the **Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign** and with the **Edinburgh Stop the War Coalition**.

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Rights and Resistance

SACC's Conference & AGM

10am-6pm
Saturday 21st April

@ STUC,
333 Woodlands Road,
Glasgow, G3 6NG

£5 waged, £2 unwaged,
asylum-seekers/refugees free

Guest speakers include:

Aamer Anwar
(human rights lawyer),

Emma Gin
(National Coalition of Anti-Deportation campaigns).

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Refugees

Refugees have been particularly victimised in the name of the government's anti-terrorism policy.

- Refugees who cite their involvement in freedom struggles overseas as a reason for needing asylum could be prosecuted for terrorism. But if they keep quiet about their politics they could be labelled as economic migrants.
- Refugees have been particularly targeted in "anti-terror" investigations. But all the foreign citizens arrested in Scotland under the terrorism laws have been released with all charges against them dropped.
- Refugees have been deported from the UK on "national security" grounds to countries where they risk ill-treatment, torture or death. The Home Office says that these people are connected to terrorism. But they haven't been charged with any offence in Britain, let alone tried and convicted.
- The ten men from Britain who are still held at Guantanamo Bay are all refugees (most have refugee status or "leave to remain").

rendition

Prestwick airport is a node in what Council of Europe rapporteur Dick Marty calls a "global spiders web" of illegal activity.

It is used by US-run aircraft linked to the crime called "extraordinary rendition" – the practice of kidnapping "terror suspects" and flying them to countries where torture occurs, in defiance of British and international law.

SACC call on the Scottish Police, the Scottish Executive and the Westminster government to make sure that our airports can't be used for this sort of criminal activity.

Wanted: On Suspicion of activism

According to the Terrorism Act 2000, "terrorism" covers a wide range of activities – including activities not involving violence to the person – carried out anywhere in the world to influence any government in the world.

The Terrorism Act 2006 makes it a criminal offence to "encourage" the public anywhere in the world to do things that meet this new definition of terrorism.

The first legal test of the current definition of terrorism came in a Crown Court verdict delivered in Woolwich in January this year.

The judge ruled that terrorism involves a threat of violence or property damage against any government in the world no matter how undemocratic or oppressive. It follows that all governments, no matter how heinous their human rights record, can have their UK opponents jailed for lengthy periods under the Government's Terrorism Act 2000.

SACC is opposed to the Terrorism Act 2000. and to any similar definition of terrorism.

British law should respect UN General Assembly Resolution 42/159 (passed in 1987) which says everyone has a "*right to self-determination, freedom and independence*" and a right "*to struggle to this end and to seek and receive support.*"

War

Terrorist atrocities in Britain, the loss of centuries-old freedoms and the rising threat from racism and Islamophobia are amongst the fruits of Blair's imperialist ambitions and his wars of aggression in the Middle East.

It's time to bring the troops home. It's the right thing to do. It will give new hope to the soldiers, the soldiers' families and the people of the countries they have been sent to occupy. And it will make our country a freer and safer place

surveillance

A Special Branch unit (the "Special Branch Community Contact Unit") has been set up in Tayside to gather intelligence on minority communities. It looks for signs of "extremism" and it particularly targets schools and universities.

Staff and students in other parts of the country are also being encouraged to report signs of "extremism."

Our young people have a right to be educated in safety, without having to worry that expressing the wrong sort of political views will lead to them being monitored by the security service, perhaps for years to come.

SACC calls for a halt to political policing. And we urge people not to cooperate with this sort of policing. You have no legal obligation to do so. On the contrary, you have a social and moral duty to say **NO**.