

# REMEMBER ABU GHRAIB

## No Impunity for Torture and Abuse

## No Prosecution of Torture Resisters

Key work for the **2011 Scottish Census** was carried out by **CACI**, a firm whose US-based parent company was involved in human rights abuses at **Abu Ghraib Prison** in Iraq. The General Register Office of Scotland (now National Records of Scotland) flatly rejected public pressure for the contract to be cancelled.

Former Abu Ghraib prisoners have been struggling for years to hold CACI to account in US courts for its involvement in their torture and abuse. The courts have so far accepted CACI's claim that as a US Government contractor it is immune from legal action. The torture victims are continuing their legal struggle.

While CACI remains outside the law, people in Scotland are being prosecuted as criminals for failing to complete their census forms in protest against torture.

Glasgow woman **Barbara Dowling** will be in court soon, accused of not filling in her census form in the way the Register Office thinks appropriate. Come along to the court to support her.

**10am in Court 16, Glasgow Sheriff Court, Thursday 26 January**

**Or come a bit earlier to show your support outside the court.**

**Bring placards and banners**

*Please come along even if you can only spare a short time*

Barbara will also be in court on 25 January over non-payment of a fine incurred for blockading Faslane nuclear submarine base. Barbara is refusing to pay the fine and risks a jail sentence:

**10am, Wednesday 25th Jan, Dumbarton Sheriff Court – support welcome**

**The Crown Office must drop all cases against census objectors and stop persecuting people whose only crimes are to oppose torture and genocidal weapons**

**Are YOU facing prosecution over the census? GET IN TOUCH**

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# CACI, Torture and Scotland's Census

The **2011 Scottish census** was run by CACI Ltd. CACI Ltd was given an £18.5 million contract for key information technology work and other services for the 2011 Scottish Census. CACI Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of CACI International. That means that all the money it makes belongs to CACI International. But CACI International remains beyond the reach of Scottish and British law.

**CACI International** is a US-based defence contractor. From August 2003 until the early autumn of 2005 it was contracted to provide "interrogation services" for the US Army at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. While CACI staff were employed as interrogators at Abu Ghraib, prisoners were humiliated and tortured there by US military police. Photographs of the abuse shocked the world and led to the conviction of a number of low-ranking US soldiers by courts martial.

**CACI denies any wrongdoing.** But CACI has blocked lawsuits brought against it by former Abu Ghraib prisoners by claiming "official immunity."

**Former Abu Ghraib prisoners** say they were tortured in various ways by CACI and its co-conspirators, including torture with electric shocks, beating, forced nakedness, forced participation in physical activities to the point of exhaustion, sensory deprivation, deprivation of food, deprivation of oxygen and torture with extremely hot and cold water.

**CACI staff** interrogated people held without charge or trial at Abu Ghraib. Prisoners they questioned were deprived of human rights guaranteed in international norms. The "rules of engagement" at Abu Ghraib permitted sleep deprivation, sensory deprivation and intimidation by dogs.

**CACI says** it no longer employs interrogators. But it is currently recruiting intelligence analysts to work for the US forces in Afghanistan

From 2003 to 2006 **Abu Ghraib**, along with **Guantanamo Bay, Bagram Air Base** and other prisons was around the world, formed part of a **torture archipelago** run by the US with the knowledge and complicity of the British Government. Abu Ghraib is now under Iraqi control. Guantanamo and Bagram/ Parwan are still US political prisons, outside the ordinary rule of law. January 2012 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guantanamo taking in its first prisoners.

**Shut Down Guantanamo**

**Release the Prisoners**

[www.sacc.org.uk/guantanamo](http://www.sacc.org.uk/guantanamo)