

TERRORISM: MAPPING THE NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK

A one-day conference organised by JUSTICE
Friday 28 June 2002

Chaired by Anthony Burton, Simons Muirhead & Burton

- 09.30 Introduction from the Chair
- 09.35 **Keynote speaker**
Professor David Feldman
Legal Adviser to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights
- 09.50 **Extending powers: the scope of UK anti-terrorism legislation**
Keir Starmer QC, Doughty Street Chambers
Recent legislation has considerably expanded powers for the arrest and detention of terrorist suspects. This paper sets out the legislative structure under the Terrorism Act 2000 and the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001 and considers their human rights implications.
- 10.30 Questions and discussion
- 10.50 Coffee break
- 11.10 **'A roadmap on terrorism': the implications of the EU response**
Alun Jones QC, 3 Raymond Buildings
EU developments in relation to the classification of terrorist activity, use of arrest warrants and the role of the EU/US bilateral relationship, will be examined alongside an overview of relevant EU legislation.
- 11.50 **The global context**
Róisín Pillay, Senior Legal Officer, JUSTICE
This session will consider relevant developments at an international level, including UN Security Council resolutions and the proposed Convention on International Terrorism.
- 12.10 Questions and discussion
- 12.20 **Human rights and states of emergency**
Professor Colin Warbrick, University of Durham
An examination of the balance between competing rights and national security interests in the context of terrorist activity. The presentation will consider the legality of derogations from human rights instruments and discuss relevant Strasbourg case law.
- 13.00 Lunch

Chaired by Roger Smith, Director of JUSTICE

14.00 **In safe hands? Striking the balance between privacy and security**

i) Police powers, surveillance and privacy intrusions

Tim Owen QC, Matrix Chambers

An assessment of the new powers in the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act to search, fingerprint, and photograph suspects, as well as powers to collect, retain and exchange data.

ii) Anti-terrorist financial measures

Peter Binning, Corker Binning

An explanation of powers under anti-terrorism legislation to freeze and confiscate assets.

15.00 Questions and discussion

15.20 Coffee break

15.40 **The impact on asylum and refugee law**

Andrew Nicol QC, Doughty Street Chambers

This session will consider the application of the right to asylum, under the Geneva Convention, in the context of terrorist activity, and examine the impact of the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act on asylum law.

16.10 Questions and discussion

16.30 **Final panel discussion:**

A proportionate response?

Professor Brice Dickson (Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission), *Professor David Feldman* (Joint Committee on Human Rights) and *Professor Conor Gearty* (Kings College London & Matrix Chambers) will discuss what is a legitimate and proportionate response to terrorism.