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BEHIND THE HEADLINES

A message of thanks

*Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem
(In the name of Allah the Gracious the Merciful)*

Assalamu'alaikum wa rahmatullah

The last couple of years have seen great challenges for CAGE while at the same time many triumphs. Since March 2014 we still remain without a bank account and under constant pressure and scrutiny from politicians and various government agencies. Despite these difficulties, *alhamdulillah* we have been able to work on major cases of significance in the War on Terror and continue to advocate for due process and the rule of law.

None of this would have been possible without the will of Allah swt firstly, and then the commitment and generosity of you, our supporters. As you already know, CAGE does not and has never taken funding from any State sources. Being politically and financially independent is crucial for the integrity of our mission. Support from the various communities that we work with and represent has only increased. This is what gives us our strong mandate and enables us to continue our work. We are very grateful for this continued solidarity and support.

Although much of the recent perception around CAGE has been dominated by our work seeking accountability for Security Services actions in the Emwazi case, we hope that you will be able to gain an insight into the breadth of the other work we are carrying out in pursuit of our mission. We also hope that this brochure enables you to see the historical contributions that CAGE has made in documenting abuses and calling for the rule of law to be applied in the War on Terror.

The political, security and media establishments along with their allies have resorted to name calling and labelling to divert attention from the evidence that CAGE has presented, with the purpose of seeking basic answers. They have also attacked CAGE in order to send a chilling effect across oppressed communities - but fear can control us only if we allow it to. We need to have courage and stand together to resist oppressive policies and legislation.

Together, we have vital work to do- with the grace of Allah swt let us continue to advocate for due process, the rule of law and an end to the injustices of the War on Terror.

Fi amanillah



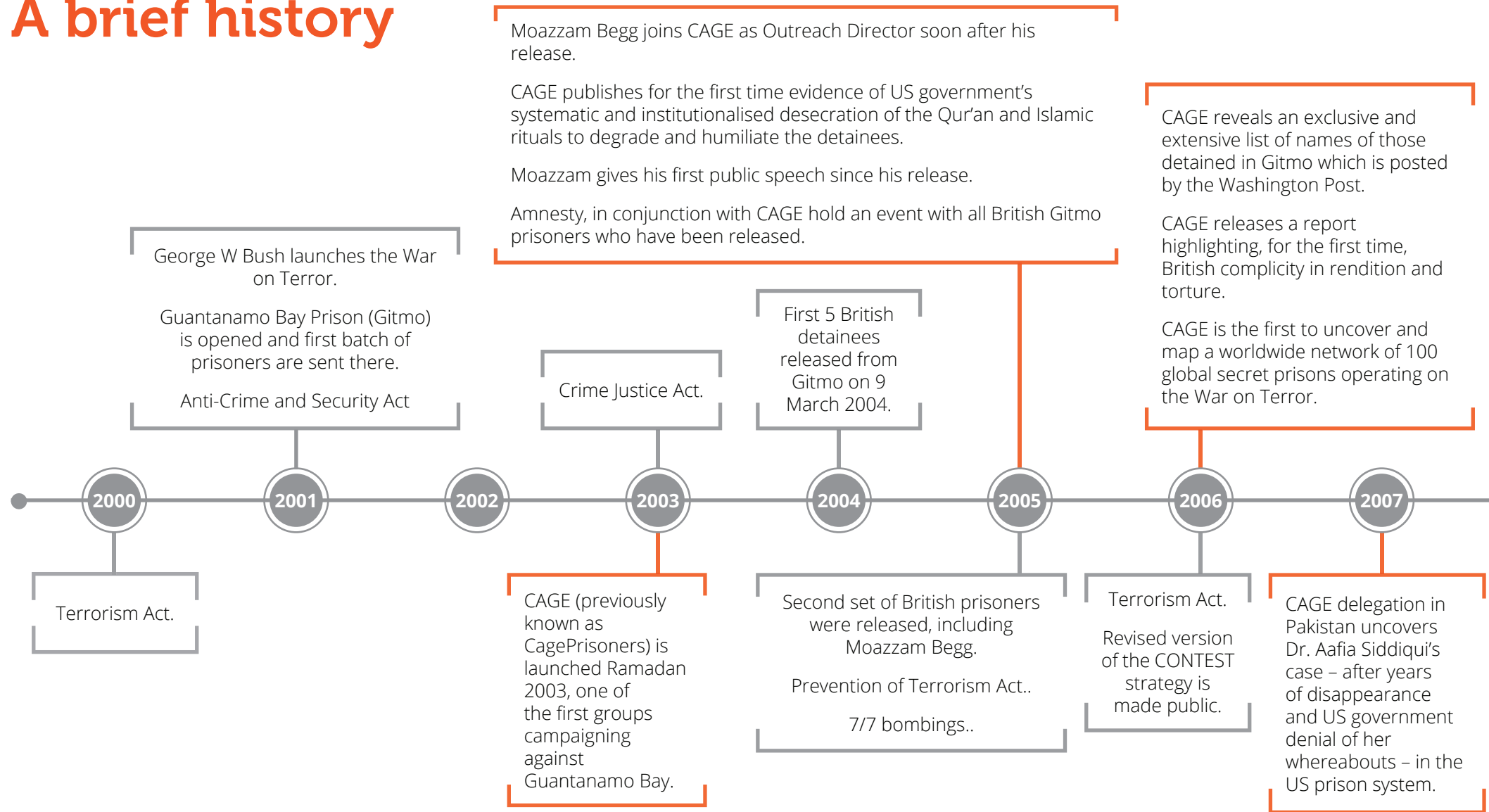
Dr Adnan Siddiqui
CAGE Director

A close-up photograph of a man with a full grey beard and glasses, wearing a dark brown suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is resting his chin on his right hand and looking thoughtfully to the left. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting.

"Stand firm against injustice even if it be against yourself."

[Quran 4:135]

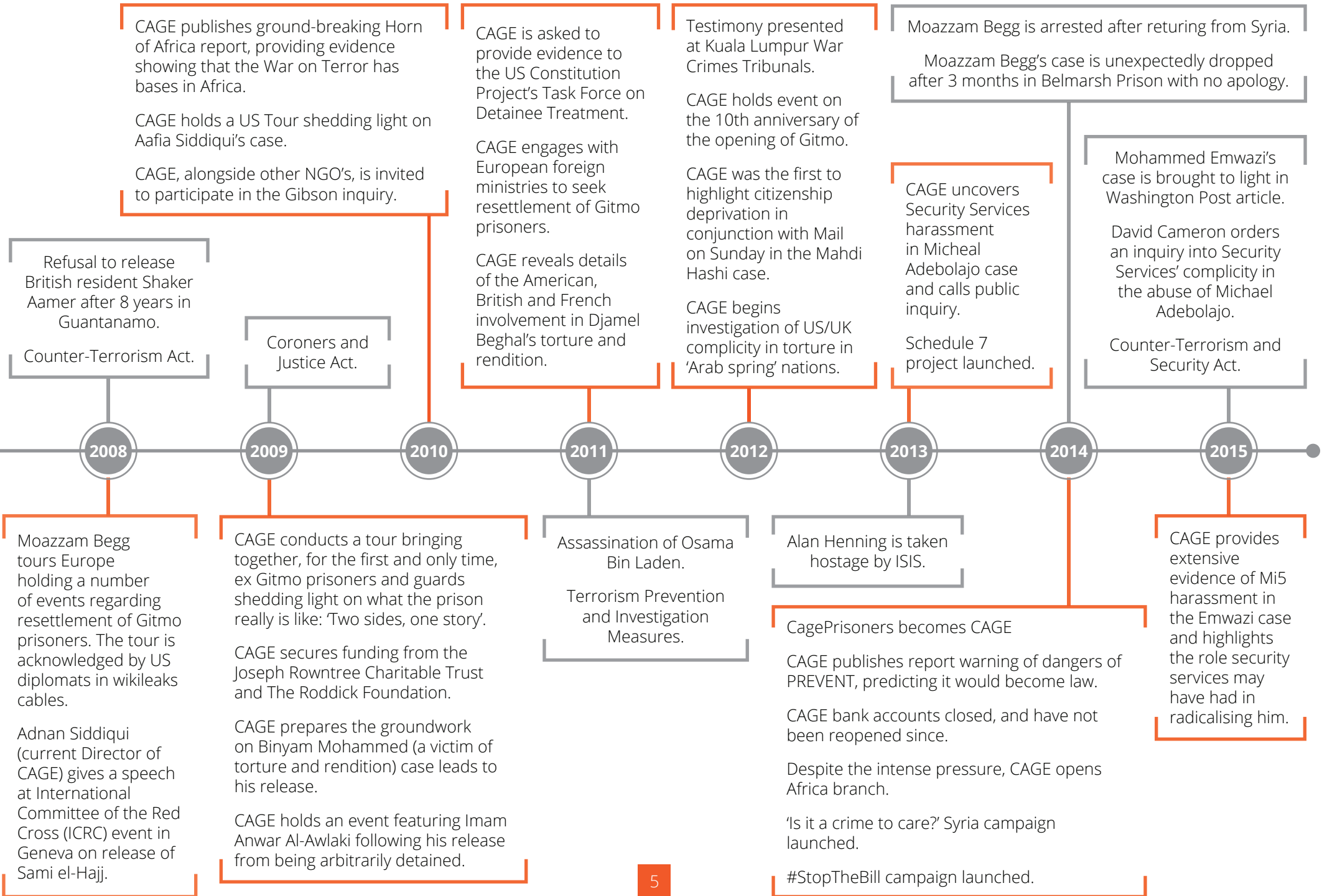
A brief history



KEY

— War on Terror

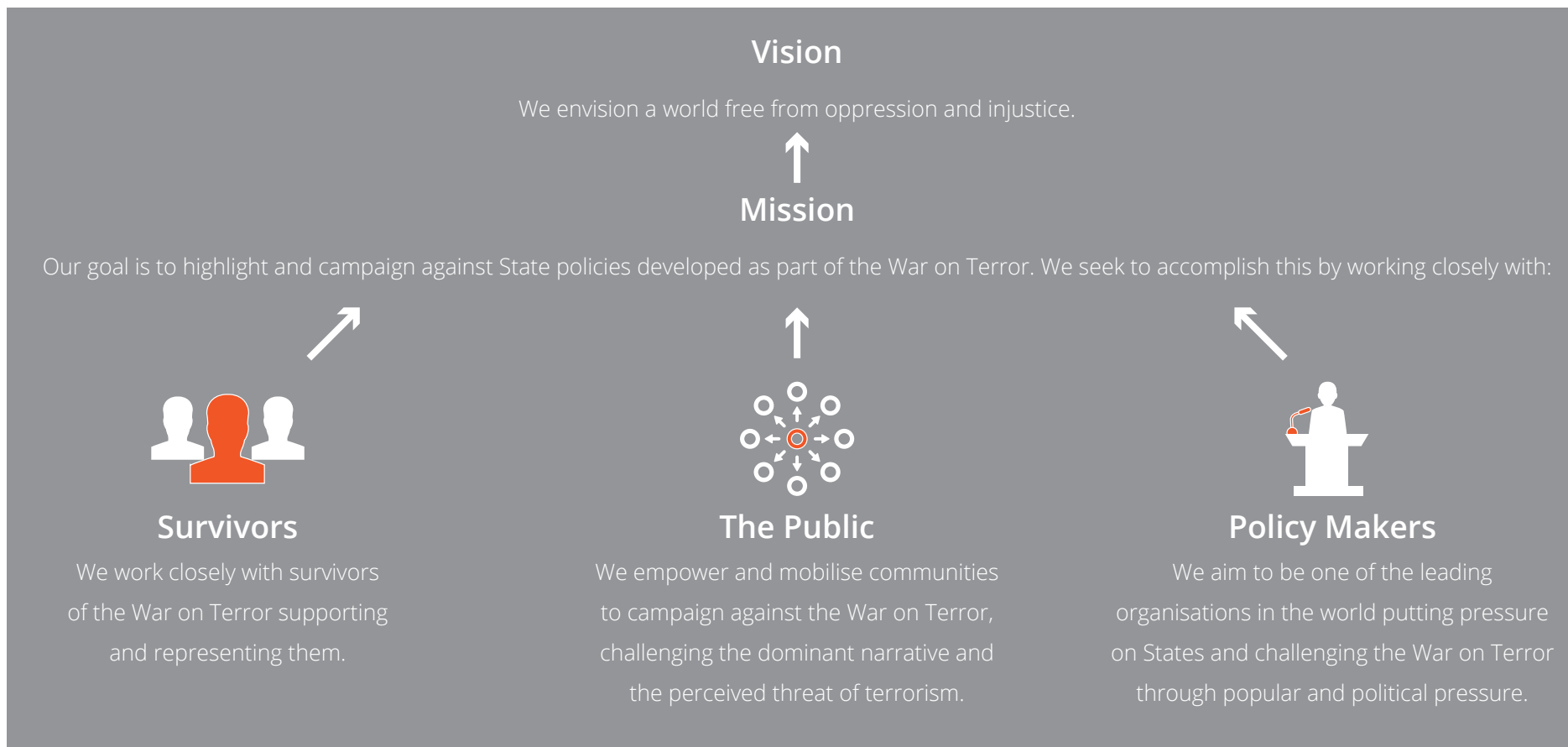
— CAGE milestones



Who we are

CAGE (previously known as CagePrisoners) was set up in October 2003 as an NGO with the purpose of raising awareness of the plight of the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay and other detainees held as part of the War on Terror.

Since then, as the War on Terror grew, CagePrisoners became CAGE; an independent advocacy organisation with a broader scope, working to empower communities impacted by the War on Terror. Through our work, CAGE has developed extensive networks with former prisoners, their families, lawyers, activists and the media. Our strengths and experience makes us unique in the way we operate.





Our values

Witness

To document abuses of the War on Terror.

Empower

To remove fear and enable survivors to take action.
End cycles of violence by engaging all parties.

Justice

To stand for the principles of the rule of law and due process.

Accountability

We believe in speaking truth to power.

Independence

Independence from all political and financial interests.
To assist all, regardless of ideology.

Empathy

Empathy with survivors of abuse and mistreatment.

Our funding & costs

CAGE is an independent organisation that does not obtain funding from any states. Unfortunately our accounts were recently shut down following the arrest of CAGE Outreach Director Moazzam Begg. Since then, the organisation has been under sustained pressure, but despite this our work continues to go from strength to strength.

This would not be possible without the generosity and kindness of the public, community and our supporters. Your support is invaluable and ensures that we are able to carry on advocating against the injustices of the War on Terror.

Key words

9/11

War on Terror (WOT)

A war of global reach and indefinite end, declared by the US and its allies specifically aimed at destroying “al-Qaeda and associated forces”. It has now reached far beyond an organisation and specific individuals, resulting in a perpetual state of war on two fronts: a) ‘hot war’ abroad including invasion, the use of drones, kidnapping, rendition and torture and b) ‘cold war’ at home, materialising in structural racism and violence in the form of unjust counter-terrorism policies, laws, and criminalisation of thought and dissent.



Due Process

Due process is a legal principle ensuring everyone has access to legal representation and judicial oversight no matter what the accusations against them, in particular those individuals whose human rights have been violated.



Rule of Law

This is the principle that no one is above the law. To be in compliance, laws should:

- not be governed arbitrarily by governments.
- be clear and well defined, not vague and poorly worded
- not be based on personal discretion of government officials
- be enforced by a Judiciary that is independent, and not influenced by media or political motivations.
- be applicable to all, including government officials.



Survivors

Individuals who have been impacted by the War on Terror ranging from those harassed and questioned to those tortured.



Rendition

The practice of unlawfully kidnapping a suspect and covertly sending them to be interrogated under torture in another country.



Arbitrary Detention

The arrest and detention of an individual with no charge or evidence against them.

Area of focus: Casework

With the recent changes in British law, the number of raids, questionings, search warrants issued, arrests and people stopped under Schedule 7 has increased drastically.

CAGE works closely with victims and survivors of abuse and mistreatment not only here in the UK, but across the globe, supporting them, providing them with relevant information and enabling them access to due process in their case.

We now work on cases featuring a variety of different issues, including:

- PREVENT
- Syria
- Guantanamo Bay
- Torture
- Mi5 harassment
- Schedule 7 stops
- Arbitrary detention
- Raids
- Arrests
- Enforced disappearance.

“CAGE is a professional, rights organisation who offer representation and help to people who often have nowhere else to turn. Without them victims of torture and their families would find it very hard to counter a dominant narrative that assumes anyone who has been questioned or arrested under anti-terrorism legislation must be a terrorist. In all my dealings with CAGE they have been courteous, professional and always ensure their client's interests come first.”

Robert Verkaik, Freelance journalist specialising in legal affairs and security

THE EFFECT OF ANTI-TERRORISM ARRESTS IN UK



98% of people arrested are detained for less than 7 days.

32% of those arrested were eventually charged under anti-terrorism laws.

12% of those arrested were actually prosecuted.

6% of those prosecuted were actually convicted on terrorism charges. The majority of these cases were not violent in nature or related to any plots.*

*Based on our research
Source: UK Government Statistics

How CAGE helps clients

1) Documenting the case

We ensure that all cases are thoroughly documented. This is essential for providing evidence should there be legal proceedings. It also means that there is an existing record of what has happened to the client, ensuring that any abuse or mistreatment is not forgotten.

2) Investigations

Where necessary we work on investigating the client's case to enable us to help them in the best possible way. At this stage we often enlist the support of other partner organisations.

3) Advice

One of the most significant services that CAGE provides clients is advice and information on how to access:

- **Legal representation:** We offer an extensive list of lawyers that work on cases similar to that of the client.
- **Financial aid:** If it is required we can put clients in touch with charities that can provide them with basic living costs.
- **Emotional and psychological support:** In some cases, the client may suffer from emotional and psychological issues due to their situation. Our team provide them with emotional support, and where necessary, refer them to specialists that work with other survivors of the War on Terror.

4) Campaigning

Often there is a need to highlight a client's case publically through campaigns, although this may not always happen as we take this approach only when it is in the best interests of the client. Each case is unique and is dealt with in a tailored way.





130+

CASES

Between April 2014 and April 2015, CAGE has worked on over 130 cases.

SYRIA-LINKED



The vast majority of cases were Syria-linked. Requests for assistance were mainly the result of raids and police/MI5 harassment. We have not only assisted individuals, but also several organisations.

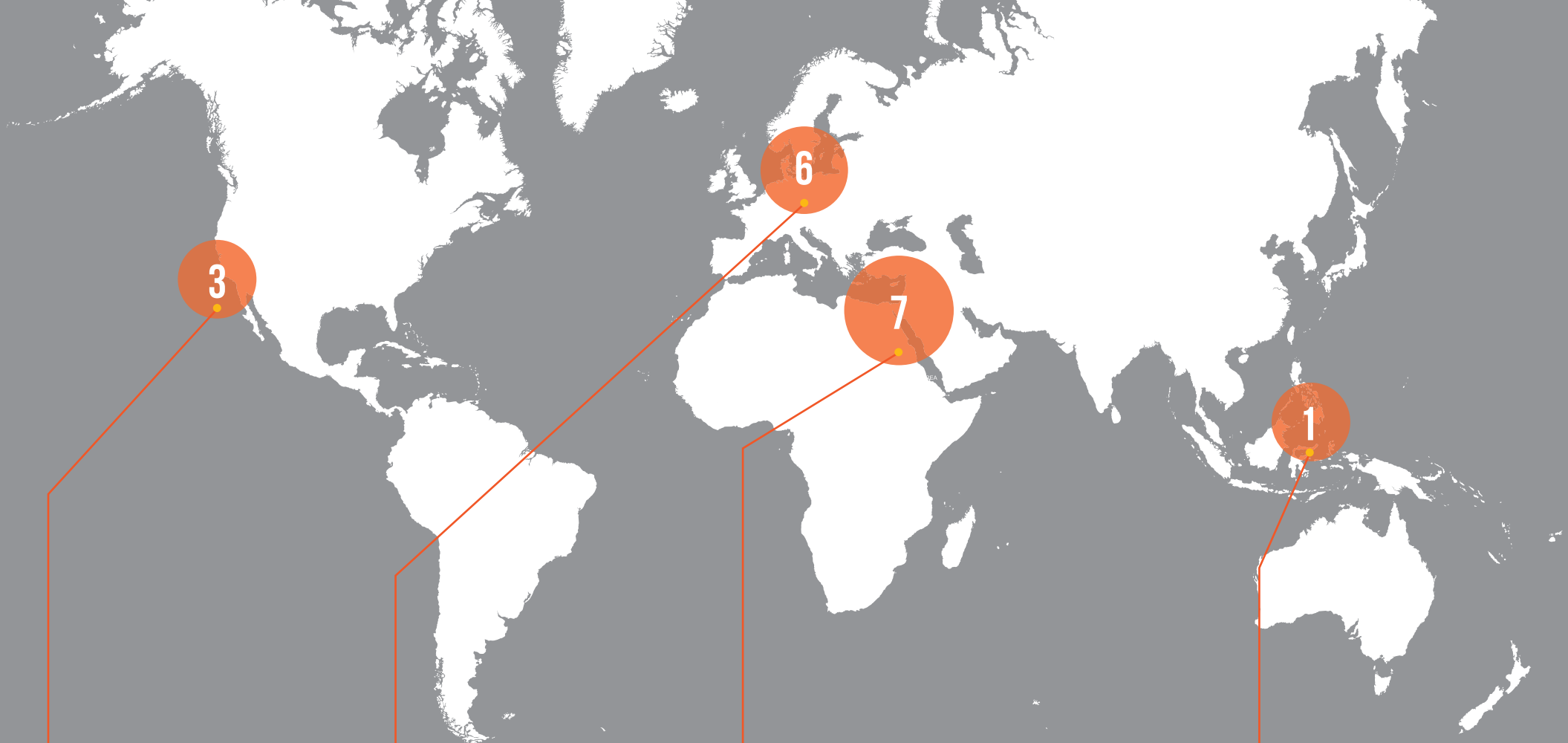
TORTURE CASES

This year CAGE has intervened in high-profile torture cases abroad including in Egypt, Ethiopia, Pakistan and Bangladesh.



Our global cases include

NAME	LOCATION	STATUS
Mahdi Hashi	USA , Americas	Mi5 harassment, UK citizenship removed, kidnapped in Djibouti, secretly rendered to the US, pleaded guilty to a max of 15 years.
Shaker Amer	Guantanamo, Americas	Kidnapped, tortured, sold to the US, detained without charge for 12 years, cleared for release.
Muhammad Al Afghani	Guantanamo, Americas	US authorities decided he could not be tried but will be held indefinitely without charge.
Munir Farooqi	UK, Europe	No evidence of a plot and openly convicted to life for his ideas.
Moazzam Begg	UK, Europe	Arrested for the second time following his return from the Middle East.
Ali Charaf Damache	Ireland, Europe	Inhumane conditions of detention. Spared extradition to the US.
Djamel Beghal	France, Europe	Tortured in UAE, rendition, citizenship removed, sentenced to ten years twice even though the court admitted there was no evidence against him.
Nizar Trabelsi	Belgium, Europe	10 years in solitary confinement, was illegally extradited to the US
Sabir K	Netherlands, Europe	Kidnapped in Pakistan, tortured, sent to the Netherlands, extradition to the US denied by Dutch court.
Shawqi Omar	Iraq, MENA Region	Kidnapped by US forces, tortured, arbitrarily detained, facing death penalty.
Alan Henning	Syria, MENA Region	Held hostage by ISIS, appeal for his release unsuccessful, killed by ISIS in October 2014
Anwar Al Awlaki	Yemen, MENA Region	Arbitrarily detained, released, killed in drone attack in 2011.
Mohammed Hajib	Morocco, MENA Region	Kidnapped, tortured, arbitrarily detained
Ibn Shaykh al-Libi	Libya, MENA Region	Kidnapped, detained in CIA black sites, tortured, rendered to Libya, died in detention.
Ahmed Diini	Egypt, MENA Region	Detained, tortured and released. Rearrested on a US extradition request in Turkey. Extradition denied by Turkish court.
Ali Adorus	Ethiopia, MENA Region	Detained and tortured in Ethiopia with suspicion of British complicity. Sentenced to four and a half years. No evidence besides forced confession.
Samiun Rahman	Bangladesh, Asia Pacific	Detained in Bangladesh without charge.



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AMERICAS

- Mahdi Hashi
- Shaker Amer
- Muhammad Al-Afghani

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EUROPE

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- Moazzam Begg
- Ali Charaf Damache
- Djamel Beghal
- Nizar Trabelsi
- Sabir K

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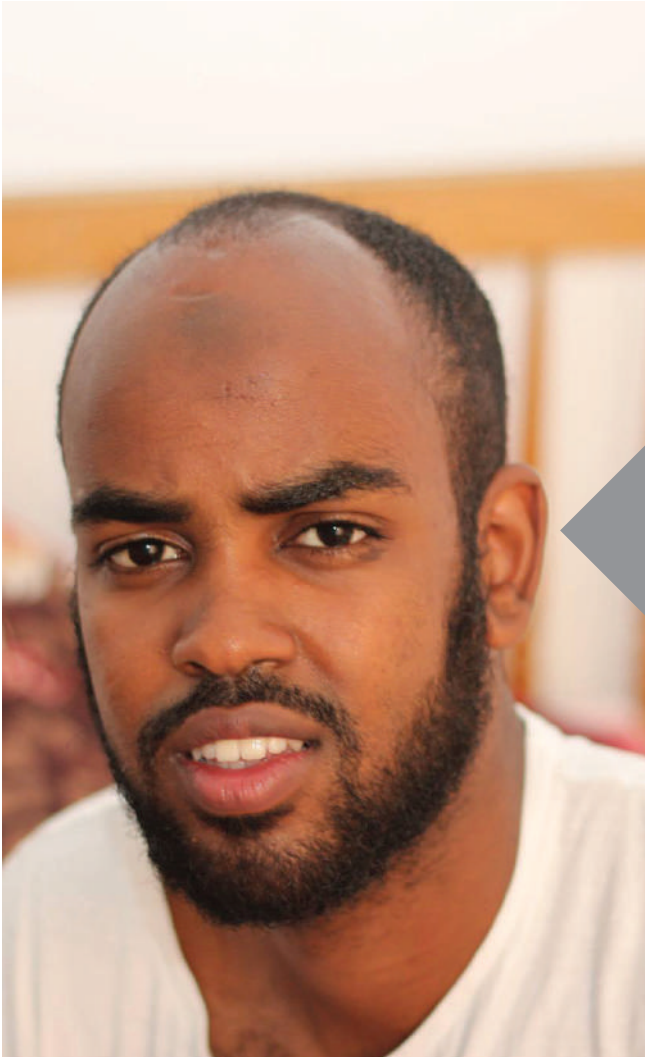
- Shawqi Omar
- Alan Henning
- Anwar Al Awlaki
- Mohammed Hajib

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ASIA PACIFIC

- Samiun Rahman

Case studies



Ahmed Diini

After refusing to spy for MI5, Ahmed Diini, a 25 year old Dutch national from Birmingham was banned from the UK and forced to relocate overseas.

While he was visiting Germany to get married, Theresa May excluded him from the United Kingdom, separating him from his children although he had not been accused of a crime nor been arrested or charged for any offences.

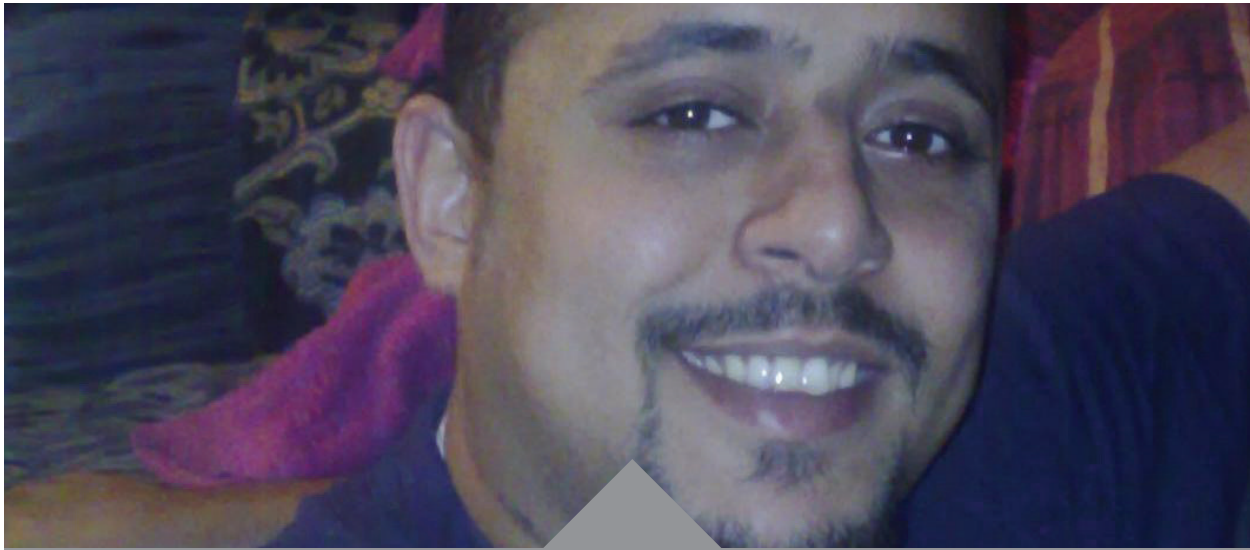
He then settled down in Egypt but was soon picked up by security forces there. A British agent visited him in his Egyptian prison to induce him to cooperate with MI5 in exchange for his freedom. After seven months in detention, he was released since the local authorities could not find any charge to bring against him.

He was ordered to leave Egypt, however was immediately arrested en route to Europe and was told the United States had secretly indicted him and had requested his arrest to be extradited.

CAGE's involvement

CAGE worked tirelessly on Ahmed's case ensuring that he had legal representation in the UK, Netherlands, Egypt and Turkey. During this time all other major NGOs had turned his case down and were not willing to support him. After an eight-month investigation, CAGE was able to uncover direct evidence of British involvement in his torture. These revelations appeared on the front page of a national newspaper, triggering reactions from UK officials. This also led British solicitors to mount legal challenges in the UK.

CAGE requested the involvement of Al Karama (Human rights foundation, Switzerland), and later Reprieve, which resulted in Diini's case being reviewed by the UN and IHH (Turkey). Both organisations provided invaluable assistance. As a result of this work, Ahmed was spared extradition to the US ending his case.



Ali Adorus

In 2010 Ali Adorus, a 33 year-old Londoner, had left with two friends from West London for a week-long safari but was refused entry to the country. The men were threatened with beatings and held for days in inhumane conditions, only to be told that MI5 was behind their rejection from the country.

The three friends then returned to Britain with a stopover in the Netherlands. There, Adorus was stopped by two men, one of whom introduced himself as an agent from MI5. He was told that there were suspicions about him travelling to go and fight in Somalia. Eventually, he was released, but upon his arrival in the UK the next day, he was further interrogated about his religious beliefs and political views and was warned that his every move was being monitored.

Nearly two years later, in February 2012, Adorus travelled to Ethiopia to visit his family and was arrested while he was there. Since then Adorus has been detained in some of the worst Ethiopian prisons, has been brutally tortured and forced to sign a confession in a language he does not understand. As a result of this confession he was at risk of being given the death penalty in Ethiopia.

CAGE's involvement

The case of Ali Adorus first attracted public attention in 2010 after the release of a CAGE report highlighting the criminalisation of those associated with the Horn of Africa. His experience was also featured in *The Independent*.

Our caseworkers ensured that Adorus was able to obtain legal representation. Our team led the campaign raising awareness about his case, and how the British authorities had abandoned him. CAGE also called on the public to sign a petition to the UN calling for Adorus to be able to access adequate medical treatment as he suffered from cancer previously and whilst in prison further suffered with a kidney condition which worsened during his detention. As a result of this work, Ali was spared the death penalty and was sentenced to four and half years in an Ethiopian Prison. He is due to be released soon.

In the course of our work, CAGE has worked closely with:

- HHUGS
- Reprieve
- Leigh Day solicitors
- Tuckers solicitors
- HMA solicitors
- Rights Watch UK
- Freedom from torture
- Al karama
- IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation
- CAMPACC
- Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC)

Area of focus: **Research**

At CAGE we value research. All our work is evidence-based and aims to contribute to intellectual change.

Reports

We produce cutting edge reports, regularly documenting the abuse of due process and the erosion of the rule of law in the context of the War on Terror. Our research is based on primary sources obtained during our investigations and trips around the world. To ensure our research is extensive and ground-breaking, CAGE has travelled to places such as Pakistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kenya, Sudan, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria. Our exclusive interviews and opinion pieces- sometimes written in war zones- continues to reflect CAGE's commitment to its pioneering work.

It is particularly due to the unique access that CAGE caseworkers and those in the field have, that our work is continually referenced as an evidence base by academics, non-governmental organisations and even in legal cases. We provide empirical data and analysis that transcends the polemical discourses around political violence and national security concerns, thus providing a much needed critical perspective.

Website

The CAGE website has become an important resource for survivors of the War on Terror, their families, lawyers, activists, media and the general public. A rich and regularly updated website that functions as an archive and attracts a considerable number of readers, who often use it as a one-stop resource. In the last year alone the page received close to 1 million hits.

Global platforms

Our researchers at CAGE regularly contribute to intellectual debates and discussions in global conferences, parliamentary meetings, universities, and book and film festivals. CAGE has been invited to speak at conferences organised by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, International Committee of the Red Cross, and are set to speak at the World Forum for Democracy in Strasbourg later this year.

Recognition of our work

Our work has been recognised and referenced in reports by other organisations such as The Open Society foundation. We have also been acknowledged by prominent figures in the field of Human Rights. The foreword for one of our most ground-breaking reports was written by Sir Geoffrey Bindman QC, Chairman of the British Institute of Human Rights. Others who have written forewords for our reports include Sir Nigel Rodley, Gareth Peirce, Clive Stafford-Smith and also Manfred Nowak (United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture).

“As far as I know, CAGE is unmatched in positive action and has raised the standard where advocacy and representation of the downtrodden is concerned. Not just among Muslim organisations but among advocacy groups as a whole, they are the proverbial David that continue to take on Goliath head on. One would be hard pressed to find a similar case organisation as outspoken and prolific as CAGE. It would be a huge loss if they were no longer able to do the good work they have done so prolifically over the years.”

Nabil AbdulRashid, Comedian



Area of focus: Campaigns and Projects

CAGE is committed to its principle of speaking truth to power and calling for accountability and transparency. We will not hesitate in performing our role as whistle-blowers and as advocates for due process.

CAGE has been unrelenting in conveying its campaigns to the world and working hard to impact counter-productive internal and foreign policies concerning the response to terrorism. We believe our work has been instrumental and key – despite the struggle – in raising awareness and effecting change where it matters. Some of our most successful campaigns and projects this year have worked to highlight injustices, and challenge the dominant narrative and the perceived threat of terrorism.

“DON'T HATE, DEBATE!”

Following the recent Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris, many have begun to question the concept of freedom of speech. Is it acceptable to regularly utilise it to insult religious figures? Does freedom of speech have its boundaries? Are there double standards when it's applied to the Muslim community?

The 'Don't Hate, Debate!' is a campaign led by the Islamic Education and Research Academy (IERA) in partnership with CAGE that ran at the start of 2015. It is aimed at creating a platform for people of all faiths and none, in order to engage in positive and compassionate dialogue, much needed discussion in a world full of animosity and a lack of understanding particularly relating to the narratives surrounding Muslims.

This campaign brought together key figures such as Moazzam Begg, Hamza Tzortzis, Abdullah al-Andalusi, Professor Peter Cave, Andre Walker and Dan Hodges, chaired by Yvonne Ridley to discuss the limits, objectives and application of free speech.

Don't Hate, DEBATE!
IERA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAGE

THE BIG QUESTION
HOW FREE IS SPEECH?

 Andre Walker Political Correspondent for Breitbart London	 Moazzam Begg Director of Outreach for CAGE	 Prof. Peter Cave Chair of the Humanist Philosophers	 Yvonne Ridley Event chair
 Dan Hodges Blogger & columnist for The Telegraph	 Hamza Tzortzis Head of Research & Education at iERA	 Abdullah al Andalusi Muslim Debate Initiative	

Friday 13th February / Book now: www.iERA.org

The Blizard building, Queen Mary University - Ticket prices £15 / On the door £20
Doors open at 7:30pm, event starts at 8pm

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STOP THE BILL

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill (CTS) is the latest development of PREVENT, the first all encompassing social policy targeting almost every aspect of Muslim life. This Bill is one of the most immoral pieces of legislation since the Terrorism Act 2000 and as of 12 February 2015, the CTS Bill has become an Act of Parliament. This piece of legislation will have a wide reaching impact, predominantly on the Muslim community in Britain, and will affect public servants in particular (such as teachers and doctors) as they will be required to implement many of its proposals.

CAGE was the first to raise concerns about this Bill at the very early stages.

- At the request of community leaders, we created reports and various resources to educate the public on the impact this legislation will have on their communities.
- A community campaign was launched to #StopTheBill, which received a huge amount of support. Despite this support, the Bill has now been enacted into law. Though this may feel like the end, it isn't - there are more actions that can be taken.
- CAGE continues to empower and mobilise the public to campaign and stand up against the Act by working on:
 - Building a wide coalition of civil society organisations to protect the rule of law and civil liberties in the UK.
 - Providing reassurance and confidence to the community to counter the fear mongering.
 - Submitting concerns in front of parliamentary committees.
 - Lobbying MPs and the House of Lords.

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WORKSHOPS ON
COUNTER TERRORISM
& SECURITY
— UK TOUR —

CTS
AFFECTS YOU!

Now that the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 has become law, CAGE presents a series of UK-wide workshops on the implications of this legislation. From school children being questioned about their views on the Middle East to doctors being reported on by their colleagues, the significance of this law is wide-reaching.

The tour will also aim to build a strong coalition of communities that can build a national campaign to repeal this law.

TOUR DATES - April 3rd - 10th

3 APR	BLACKBURN 8PM BANGOR COMMUNITY CENTRE Norwich St, Blackburn, BB1 6NZ	5 APR	OLDHAM 8PM OLDHAM MUSLIM CENTRE Compass House, Neville Street, OL9 6LD	6 APR	SHEFFIELD 1PM MIRPURI DHARA 261 Stanforth road, sheffield, S93FP
7 APR	LEICESTER 8PM ST BARNABAS HALL St. Barnabas Road, LE5 4BD	8 APR	BRADFORD 8PM BRADFORD DAWAH CENTRE 137 Great Horton Road, BD7 1QG	9 APR	NORWICH 8PM 15 CHAPEL FIELD EAST Norwich, NR2 1SF
		10 APR	LONDON 6PM AMANAH BANQUETING CENTRE 251 commercial road, E1 2BT		

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SCHEDULE 7

Schedule 7 is a power that authorities can exercise at UK borders. Critics argue that it is used as a tool for religious, ethnic, political profiling and intelligence gathering from people who are frequently stopped without any cause or suspicion.

Officers can take fingerprints, photographs and DNA. Individuals can be held without arrest for up to 6 hours from the beginning of the examination. Following the 6 hours you are either arrested or released.

This power has changed the lives of thousands of people in the UK:

- CAGE has worked diligently to inform the public of their rights and the duties of the police' by holding a UK nationwide Schedule 7 tour, ensuring that the members of the community are well equipped in the event that they are stopped under Schedule 7.
- We have produced a number of valuable resources, including leaflets, which are readily accessible for anyone wishing to better understand their rights.
- Our team have made a submission as part of the public consultation on the Schedule 7 officers' Code of Practice.
- We continue to monitor and document cases and their impact.
- We regularly attempt to highlight stories in the media and were the first to release a recording of a Schedule 7 interview.

“ The work done by the small collective that constitutes 'Cageprisoners' (now CAGE) is quite remarkable; there is not an individual whose plight that escapes their notice; where little is known... Their work is achieved on a shoestring, and yet matches and surpasses that of many organisations by comparison massively resourced organisations which barely scratch the surface of the same area. ”

Gareth Pierce, British solicitor and human rights activist (2008)

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SEPARATE AREAS FOR BROTHERS & SISTERS

IS IT A
CRIME
TO
care?

'SYRIA - GAZA'
'CRIMINALISATION OF ISLAM'

20TH SEPTEMBER 2014 | 6PM
WATER LILY, 69-89 MILE END RD, LONDON

SULEIMAN GANI, KUTUBAM AL MADIDAO, AERUAN RAHMO, ADNAN SOOYOUB, UTHMAN LATEEF, ANJUL WAKID, REZA FARHUKI, IBRAHIM HEWITT, ANIS AL TIKRITI, ADM QURESHI, ABDULLAH AL-ANZOLISI, FARID ANSARI, SHARIF HANFORD, SAJJAD HUSSAIN

FULL CONFERENCE TOUR SCHEDULE

SAT 6TH SEPT @2:00PM - YORKSHIRE MUSLIM ACADEMY
SUN 14TH SEPT @3:30PM - DALLOW COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUN 14TH SEPT @4:00PM - PAKISTANI COMMUNITY CENTRE
WED 17TH SEPT @7:00PM - EASTERN PEARL BANQUETING
FRI 19TH SEPT @6:30PM - MUSLIM STUDENT HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM
SAT 20TH SEPT @6:00PM - WATERLILY, LONDON

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IS IT A CRIME TO CARE?

Recent events taking place in the Middle East, in particular in Syria, have placed the Muslim community in Britain in the public eye once more with their every word and action coming under microscopic scrutiny by the media and politicians. This is only the latest chapter in an ideological attack that has been ongoing for significantly longer.

Muslims who wish to aid their brothers and sisters through the provision of humanitarian aid via aid convoys are having their homes raided, being harassed by the security services and are effectively being accused of engaging in terrorism. Charities are having their bank accounts closed without explanation and are coming under investigation by the Charity Commission simply for being involved in crisis zones like Gaza and Syria.

But is it really a crime to care? Is it a crime to want to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to individuals suffering?

Through this campaign, CAGE continues to:

- Challenge the dominant narrative and attempt to change it against criminalisation of Muslims.
- Uncover and expose the reality of UK/Western policy against Islam and Muslims particularly in the context of the War on Terror.
- Empower communities to take action and organise themselves by holding a 'Is it a crime to care?' UK tour, raising awareness about these issues through a series of events across the country.
- Build a national and international network of support that can be mobilised on issues of Syria and criminalisation.
- Assist families of individuals who have travelled to Syria, providing them with access to legal representation if required.

CAMPAIGNING FOR CLIENTS

Depending on the situation, there is sometimes a need to highlight our client's case publically. This does not always happen as it is not always the best thing for the client. CAGE has previously campaigned for:

Ali Adorus - Requesting the British government to intervene in his case, campaigned for a fair trial, for the torture allegations to be fully investigated and for him to receive proper medical attention.

Mahdi Hashi - Highlighting his case and the stripping of his British citizenship.

Ahmed Dini - Calling for the Turkish authorities to stop his extradition to the US.

Moazzam Begg - Raising awareness about his wrongful and politically motivated arrest.

Area of focus: **CAGE in the Media**

For more than a decade, CAGE has worked to provide a voice for suspect communities, challenging the dominant narrative and the perceived threat of terrorism.

We regularly appear in the media, both broadcast and print, highlighting and campaigning against unjust state policies and abuse of victims. There has been a concerted campaign by the right wing media to discredit and attack CAGE. Despite this, we continue to work very hard to alter the dominant narrative surrounding Muslims and believe that this year has been our most successful year yet, bursting with numerous front page headlines in major news outlets both here in the UK and worldwide.

This year, CAGE has:



Worked with VICE, Guardian, Foreign Policy and the New Yorker on feature pieces particularly on CAGE and our work.

Been mentioned in over
7,000
articles the past year.

Appeared in
7 
front-page headlines.



Appeared in outlets such as the BBC, CNN, Sky News, Channel 4, Huffington post, Independent, Times, Spears magazine, New Yorker, Washington Post, Guardian, Alsharq Alawsat and many more.

Held press conferences covered live by major broadcasters reaching approximately



600 MILLION
viewers worldwide.

“ On issues like extraordinary rendition, torture and Schedule 7, CAGE has reached into very dark areas of UK government policy. CAGE has been instrumental in dragging the facts into the light. ”

Brian Ging, Senior Producer,
Aljazeera





OUR TOP STORIES

Moazzam Begg

After travelling to Afghanistan with his family to setup a school for basic education and provide water pumps for impoverished Afghans, Moazzam Begg was arrested in October 2001 for a crime he didn't commit, then later held at Camp X-Ray, Guantánamo Bay alongside nine other British citizens. He was released on January 25 2005 without charge though he received no explanation or apology.

Upon his return, Begg joined CAGE and became its Outreach Director and has since then become one of the most authoritative voices against the War on Terror.

When the revolutions began in the Arab world, he was able to visit several of the countries involved in human rights violations in the War on Terror, including Syria, and he began his own investigations into the British government's role in rendition and other abuses.

On 25 February 2014, Moazzam Begg was arrested at his house in Birmingham on suspicion of "attending a terrorist training camp" and "facilitating terrorism overseas" in Syria. He was held on remand at HMP Belmarsh's High Security Unit before being released on 1 October 2014, just five days before his trial was due to start due to the emerging of "new material".

The arrest of Moazzam Begg, a highly respected voice in the Muslim community and beyond, immediately caused a wide movement of support on social media as well as protests being held demanding his release. CAGE was at the forefront of this movement, not only campaigning, but using media to highlight the wrongful and political nature of his arrest. This resulted in several news headlines and articles demanding Mi5 answer questions that needed to be answered.

Mohammed Emwazi

Mohammed Emwazi is a British citizen who approached CAGE in 2009 for help after being repeatedly harassed by Mi5, detained at airports, deported, barred from entering countries and allegedly assaulted by officers. This treatment prevented him from leading a normal life while having no means to obtain redress, even though no evidence was ever presented to suggest he committed any wrongdoing.

A Washington Post investigation recently alleged that Emwazi was the British IS member known as “Jihadi John” and that he had been in contact with CAGE before he left for Syria.

In a press conference, our team shared what we know of his case and called for Mi5 to accept responsibility for the part they may have played in radicalising him. The press conference was

aired live worldwide reaching a total of approximately 600 million viewers. CAGE successfully flung open the parameters of debate around radicalisation in an evidence based manner, blowing a hole in the establishment narrative surrounding radicalisation of Muslims. This led to several articles and headlines calling for Mi5 to answer questions regarding their involvement.



Alan Henning

Alan Henning, a British taxi driver, travelled to Syria in December 2013 on a charity convoy to provide humanitarian assistance. Very soon after entering Syria, he was taken hostage by ISIS and held captive for nearly a year. In October 2014, Henning was beheaded at the hands of ISIS.

CAGE worked tirelessly behind the scenes to appeal for the release of Henning. Moazzam Begg, CAGE's Outreach Director, attempted to secure Henning's release through private channels with the UK government's assistance while he himself was in Belmarsh prison. However Begg was not permitted to make this appeal, despite such appeals being previously successful.

CAGE urged the British government to negotiate for the release of Henning just as other European countries had

often successfully negotiated for the release of their hostages. Though a delay in the execution of Henning was achieved, unfortunately despite all the effort, we were not successful in appealing for his release. This campaign uncovered the lack of effort from the British government in attempting to negotiate Henning's release.

Mahdi Hashi

Mahdi Hashi, a once British citizen of Somali origin, was one of the many Muslim men that were repeatedly harassed by MI5 to become an informant. While he was in Somalia in 2012 caring for his ailing grandmother, Mahdi's family in the UK were sent a letter by the Home Office, explaining that they must inform Mahdi that his citizenship had been revoked on the grounds of alleged extremism. The decision to remove his citizenship left Mahdi stateless, as it is believed his Somali nationality had been rescinded when he was granted British citizenship, due to Somali law at the time.

By the middle of summer 2012, Mahdi's family were informed that he had been detained in Djibouti. The family had no official confirmation of this. On 24 December 2013, after several weeks of public pressure led by Mahdi's family in the United

Kingdom, the US authorities admitted the young Londoner was in their custody.

Until recently, Mahdi was detained in isolation at a maximum-security jail in the US awaiting his trial. He pleaded guilty to a maximum of 15 years. Harassed, abandoned and potentially left stateless by his adopted country, Mahdi continues to languish in prison.

CAGE continues to work meticulously to ensure that Mahdi's story is heard and that he has not been forgotten. We led the campaign which aimed to highlight the issue of citizenship deprivation and as a result several reporters, including various right wing media covered the story with a fair representation. Several reporters from The Bureau of Investigative Journalism are now looking into this, not only in Mahdi's case but several others.

Area of focus: Our events

In response to the advances that have taken place this year in relation to the War on Terror, CAGE has worked to empower communities through multiple awareness campaigns, lectures, workshops and public events, with the aim of seeking justice and changing attitudes in the process.

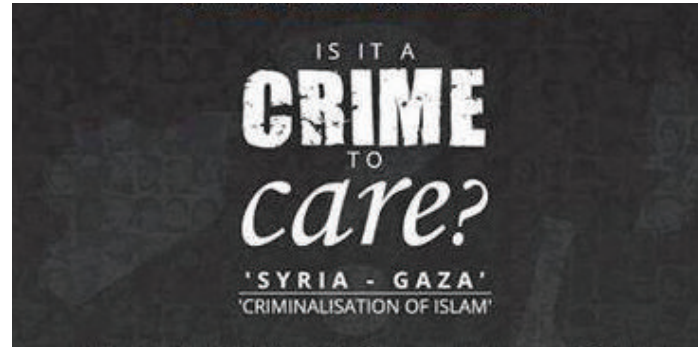
“ Never in the history of this country has there been a group of people that have been subjected to the types of vilification like the Muslims are facing today. ”

Moazzam Begg

“Is it a crime to care?” Tour

Despite our financial difficulties, this year alone we were able to hold over 28 events, many of them as a part of UK nationwide tours. These events aim to highlight injustices, raise awareness, educate the public on significant issues related to them, and mobilise communities to campaign against the War on Terror and empower them to stand up for their rights.

To ensure that our events and workshops are unique and as informative as possible, the panellists usually include lawyers, activists and a CAGE spokesperson. We present case studies, go through practical tips and also provide a chance for attendees to ask legal professionals any questions they may have.



Srebrenica to Syria



In conversation with Moazzam



Know your rights - Schedule 7 tour



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How you can help

At CAGE, we are only too aware of the invaluable support that we receive from the community, volunteers and donors, and we know that we would be nowhere without them.

If you have been affected by the War on Terror, or simply value our work and would like to do what you can to help us continue to grow and develop, then this is your chance. There are many ways you can contribute your time, money, skills and more.

Get involved, join our team, and help us continue standing firm against injustice.

WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!



VOLUNTEERING

Would you like to utilise your time and skills supporting the many projects we have? Then this is your chance to make a real difference.



SUPPORTING A CAMPAIGN

Campaigning is a huge part of the work we do at CAGE. If there is a campaign that you are passionate about, then why not support us by mobilising your local community and raising awareness.



FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

We rely heavily on donations and support from the public. One way you can help is by organising fundraising events in your local community to raise money for CAGE, enabling us to continue our vital work.



SPONSORSHIPS

If you value our work and would like to support CAGE with funding, please contact us.



Testimonials

CAGE is committed to its principle of speaking truth to power and calling for accountability and transparency. We will not hesitate in performing our role as whistle-blowers and as advocates for due process.



"I did not know where to turn when my house was raided, except to CAGE. Their doors were always opened for advice. They did a lot to reassure me and my family. They gave us confidence to go through this. Their help was priceless."

Abdur Rahman, Raid victim



"Alhamdulillah, CAGE's support and advice was very beneficial to me. It's great to know that there is an organisation out there watching your back, especially since most are scared when it comes to these issues."

Abdullah - Arrested under anti-terrorism legislation



"This is no 9-5pm organisation. CAGE have been available, sometimes working until early hours of the morning on my husband's case, whenever I have needed their assistance. Their considerable support and commitment have made a situation which would have been overwhelming for me, easier to deal with by Allah's Mercy. They have provided me with legal, emotional and practical help tirelessly throughout this difficult time. May Allah reward them in this life and in the next inshallah."

Ali Adorus' wife.



"CAGE is an organisation that allows me to sleep at night. It is no exaggeration to that that without the important work that CAGE does, the injustices, the gradual erosion of our rights and the fate of hundreds of forgotten souls languishing in extrajudicial prisons, would go completely unchecked."

Supporter



"What was it like working with CAGE? No different whatsoever to all the other human rights organisations I've worked with. Devotion to the cause of the victims of counter-terrorism policy and practice, and an unswerving commitment to using dissent and the rule of law to right those injustices. I hope we'll continue to work together in the future."

Dr Ben Hayes, Formally of Statewatch

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Through the course of our work, CAGE has been featured in...



“CAGE are a professional organisation which as a journalist I found responsive and helpful in trying to report on delicate and complex issues. Despite coming under fire themselves, the staff at CAGE were always polite and open. CAGE represented a necessary part of the debate involving the civil liberties of a part of British society.”

Randeep Ramesh, Social Affairs Editor, the Guardian

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Ibn Al-Qayyim Al-Jawziyyah



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