Responses to Terrorism

INTRODUCTION

Debates on terrorism and counter-terrorism measures have been a marked feature of discussions on domestic and international security, civil rights, and globalisation for the last ten years. This resource guide provides an introduction for the study of acts of politically-motivated violence and government and media responses to those actions and the threat of such actions.

The first section looks at official sources of information that demonstrate national and international legislation, treaties and policies. These often describe a need to balance the requirements of national (or international) security against the needs of individual liberties. UK, EU and US sources all describe border security as a significant element in counter-terrorist activities. The official sources are additionally useful for finding legal definitions of terrorism and terrorist acts.

Some Human Rights organisations (eg Liberty and Amnesty International) provide arguments to counter the balancing of national security against personal freedoms, and raise concerns that some policies become counter-productive by alienating certain communities. Additionally, organisations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have identified evidence of torture and other abuses of human rights being used in the name of countering terrorism. Organisations such as Human Rights Watch also fulfil a monitoring and alerting role of terrorist acts in countries across the world.

The second half of this bibliography focuses on resources for current awareness, and more historical research, on terrorism in countries across the world. The strengths of The British Library’s news sources and bibliographic databases are highlighted. Amongst the portals and bibliographies listed are generalist and region-specific sources. The concluding section of the bibliography provides an indicative listing of chronologies and bibliographic works on terrorism that have been produced over the past thirty years, and that can be consulted at The British Library. These help to provide a background to the development of the study of terrorism, and perspectives on terrorist activities that are less-well represented in the web-based resources.

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entries from earlier, related, topical bibliographies. These have been archived as part of the Web Archiving Consortium programme, and can be found at:
http://www.webarchive.org.uk/pan/10409/20070221/www.bl.uk/collections/social/ssresource.html#tbib

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1. GOVERNMENT SOURCES, TREATIES AND LEGISLATION

1.1 United Nations

The British Library has been a depository library for UN publications from its inception in 1946. It holds printed publications and links to a number of UN databases, many of which are freely accessible.

UN Action to Counter Terrorism
http://www.un.org/terrorism/

On 8 September 2006 the member states of the United Nations adopted a global strategy to counter terrorism. The plan of action has four elements: to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism; to prevent and combat terrorism; to build the capacity of states and to strengthen the role of the UN in preventing terrorism; and to ensure respect for human rights and international law 'as the fundamental basis of the fight against terrorism'. This website has the text of the strategy, news, links to relevant international conventions, and other UN resources.

Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee

The Counter-Terrorism Committee was established to monitor the Security Council resolution 1373, which obliges all states to criminalise assistance to terrorist organisations, deny financial support and safe haven to terrorists, and to share information about groups planning terrorist attacks. The website provides documentation of the Committee's structure and activities, and links to country reports on implementation of resolution 1373.

United Nations Treaty Collection - Conventions on Terrorism
http://untreaty.un.org/English/Terrorism.asp

Contains links to the texts of major conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, and the regional conventions on terrorism.

1.2 United Kingdom

The British Library is a depository library for UK government publications. It has access to a large number of electronic databases and finding aids for government publications. It is not possible to list all relevant UK government publications here; however the following will provide a useful introduction:

Home Office – Terrorism and the Law
http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/security/terrorism-and-the-law/

This page links to current UK legislation designed to counter terrorism, and has information from UK police statistics relating to arrests made under the 2000 and 2005
Terrorism acts. Details of independent reviews of UK Terrorism Laws are held at:

The definition of terrorism

UK command paper: Cm 7052, March 2007. A report by Lord Carlile of Berriew Q.C.,
the independent reviewer of the 2000 and 2005 Terrorism acts. This report discusses
definitions of terrorism in use, the difficulty of achieving a single definition, and the
practical (legal) importance of such a definition. The report is based on desk research and
a series of consultations carried out across the UK during 2006. Contained within the
report is a review of national definitions of terrorism and the international treaties in
place.

Public protection, proportionality and the search for balance
http://www.justice.gov.uk/docs/270907.pdf

Report by Benjamin Goold, Liora Lazarus and Gabriel Swiney, University of Oxford, as
part of the Ministry of Justice Research Series, September 2007. The report addresses the
concept of proportionality, and how apparent conflicts between human rights and
security are resolved in courts. It compares courts in the United Kingdom with those in
Germany, France and Spain and with the European Court of Human Rights.

Countering international terrorism: the UK’s international strategy

This is the “Contest report” issued in 2006 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. It
describes the threats from terrorism to the UK and UK interests, and the open (ie not
secret) elements of the UK strategy.

Foreign Affairs Committee
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/foreign_affairs_committee.cfm

The Foreign Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the
policy of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. As such, its remit covers issues of
global security and human rights. The website contains links to reports, evidence and
memoranda, and details of current inquiries. The sessions 2001-02 to 2005-06 contain a
yearly report on "Foreign policy aspects of the war against terrorism" with a link to the
Government response.

Defence Committee
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/defence_committee.cfm

The Defence Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to monitor and hold to
account the Ministry of Defence. The reports section covers military operations in Iraq
and Afghanistan (with separate reports on the costs of operations). The 2001-02 has a
report on the threat of terrorism to the UK.
Joint Committee on Human Rights Reports
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/joint_committee_on_human_rights.cfm

The Joint Committee on Human Rights is a permanent committee of members from the House of Commons and House of Lords which meets to consider Human Rights issues as they relate to the UK. It has published several reports on UK legislation (both proposed and existing) designed to prevent terrorist acts. Reports, evidence and memoranda can be accessed from this site.

Print documents available at The British Library in the Reading Room or by Document Supply

Lloyd, Anthony John Leslie, Sir, Inquiry into legislation against terrorism
The Stationery Office, 1996 (Cm 3420)
DS Shelfmark: OP-CM/3420 (vol.1) + OP-CM/3420 (vol. 2)

1.3 European Union

The British Library has received all European Union publications since 1966, and holds material from the 1950s onwards. The Library is a European Documentation Centre, and you can browse some of the recent publications in the Social Sciences Reading Room. The EU publishes a very large amount of material online relating to its current activities. The following links will provide the most relevant official sources for the EU’s policy and legislative responses to the threat of terrorism.

European Union – Justice, freedom and security

Europa is the official website of the European Union. The Justice, Freedom and Security pages describe and document the activity of the European Union with freedom, justice, border control, immigration, internal security, and prevention of terrorism. The principle that the European Union should treat these matters as, ‘indivisible within the Union as a whole’ was adopted in November 2004 as The Hague Programme. This webpage provides a gateway to summaries of legislation, legal texts, key websites, and related documentation.

The Hague Programme: ten priorities for the next five years

A guidance document produced by the European Commission for activities relating to freedom, security and justice for the period 2004-09.

Freedom, security and justice for all: justice and home affairs in the European Union
Part of the *Europe on the Move* series, this booklet (completed in January 2004) explains EU policies towards co-operation between member states’ judiciaries and police forces; co-ordinated asylum and immigration policies; and efforts against organised crime and terrorism.


This webpage is part of the “policies” section for the Council of the European Union. There are links to EU strategies and activities, legal texts, key documents, contact details, and information on the EU Counter-Terrorism Co-ordinator.

### 1.4 United States

The British Library has a large and historic collection of United States government publications. It continues to receive many publications, mainly in microform or electronic formats. A guide to finding United States government publications at The British Library is at [http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/pdf/usgovpubs.pdf](http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/pdf/usgovpubs.pdf), and there are links to electronic sources of information at [http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/nationalgov.html#USFG](http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/nationalgov.html#USFG).

**Department of Homeland Security**<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

The DHS was formed in 2003, from 22 departments and agencies, as a result of the Homeland Security Act 2002, and the National Strategy for Homeland Security. The Department was set up to defend the USA from terrorist attack, although its remit includes also natural emergencies. The website includes information on the Department’s organisation and activities. It also links to related laws, Presidential Directives, and policies.

**National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States (9-11 Commission)**<http://www.9-11commission.gov/>

An independent bipartisan commission created by congressional legislation to investigate the circumstances of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Centre in New York. The Commission completed its work in 2004, and a public report can be found on this website. There are also related reports and statements. The site links to the 9-11 Public Discourse project (which ran during 2005) to assess progress on reforms proposed by the commission.


Report published by the White House in September 2003 reviews progress in the war against terrorism. It covers international and American National initiatives, including the work of the Homeland Security Department, counter terrorist measures and the eradication of sources of terrorist funding.
Report to Congress on Combating Terrorism 2003 (PDF format)


Public and Private Laws
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html

A searchable database of public and private laws of the USA. The Patriot Act (To deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.) is 107th Congress, no. 56, 26 October 2001.


2. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

Human Rights Watch: Global Issues
http://www.hrw.org/advocacy/index.htm

HRW is an independent, non-government organisation, and the largest Human Rights organisation based in the US. The organisation publishes reports on cases of human rights abuses worldwide, and these are freely available on their website. The Global Issues section of their website contains sub-sections on “Terrorism” and “Counterterrorism”, and these both contain current and recent historical reports on events from around the world. A section marked “Opportunism watch: Repression in the Name of Anti-Terrorism” reports on the situation in the months immediately following 11 September 2001.

International Crisis Group: Thematic Issues
http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=1100&l=1

Crisis Group reports on cases of violent conflict and produces policy guidance. It main areas of operation are Africa, Asia and the Middle East (with some work also in Europe and Latin America). The Thematic Issues includes activity on “International Terrorism”.

Amnesty International UK – Terrorism, Security and Human Rights
http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10224

AIUK’s campaign focuses on human rights abuses that have occurred in the “War on Terror” worldwide. Information, videos and personal testimonies cover rendition and secret detention, the “stop torture” campaign, Guantánamo Bay, and the UK’s counter-terrorism laws.
Liberty – Counter Terrorism and Human Rights

Liberty is a cross-party, non-partisan campaigning group for civil liberties in England and Wales. These web pages explain Liberty’s position with regard to UK legislation and policy aimed at the prevention of terrorism, and link to press releases, policy briefings and other publications. Activities are organised in four areas of concern: “control orders”; “defending fair trial rights”; “detention without charge”; and “extension of pre-charge detention”.

The rules of the game: terrorism community and human rights
http://www.jrrt.org.uk/Terrorism_final.pdf

A report produced by Andrew Blick, Tufyal Choudhury, and Stuart Weir, at Democratic Audit (University of Essex) for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust. The report examines the human rights impact of UK counter-terrorism laws and practices, and argues that the “tough laws” and “tough talk” adopted by UK government has been counter-productive.

3. MEDIA SOURCES

Details of national and international news sources in general can be found on the British Library Newspapers section of the website, at the links below:

London National Newspapers
http://www.bl.uk/collections/national.html

Newspapers around the world
http://www.bl.uk/collections/world.html

Other News Information Sources, including BBC
http://www.bl.uk/collections/projects.html

Newspaper databases available from The British Library Reading Room
http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/newspapers.html - these include the Global News Bank, Times Digital Archive, and EastView newspapers from Russia and Eastern Europe

Other media sources, focusing on issues relating to terrorism, are:

Antiwar.com
http://www.antiwar.com/

This is a news service, linking to reports from a variety of news sources, provided by a division of the Randolph Bourne Institute. It advocates non-intervention in wars and collates information on anti-war news stories in the US. Topics covered include the war on terrorism, the Iraq war and the attack on Afghanistan.
Terror Wars: Znet
http://www.zmag.org/terrorwar/TerrorWars/TerrorWars.cfm
Site, maintained by Z Magazine, provides access to a collection of news articles, interviews and academic papers on various aspects of the War on Terror. Generally, a critical anti-war stance is taken. Feature articles on the pages generally date from 2001-2003, although there is some earlier material, and updates on articles published in the press remain current. Links are provided to other organisations opposing military action.

4. DATABASES

Please note: because of licence restrictions placed on us by the vendors, the links to the databases listed below will only work when you are in the Reading Rooms at The British Library.

What if I’m not in the reading room? If you are a member of a University, go to the website of your University’s Library and check whether they have the online journal collection. If they do, you should be able to get the article from them. Each University explains whether you need to go into their Library to access the full text online or not.

The British Library subscribes to a wide range of databases, which provide current affairs information and recent academic texts. Those of relevance to the study of terrorism and the response to terrorism include:

Criminal Justice Abstracts – Comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines.
http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/crim.html

Index Islamicus – This is a general database covering a very wide breadth of subjects in the arts, humanities and social sciences. It is included in this list for its coverage of journals from and about the Islamic world, which are less likely to be included in other general bibliographic databases.
http://www.bl.uk/collections/wider/elecsubaz3.html

International Political Science Abstracts – Covers journals published around the world. Online records are available for articles published from 1989 onwards.
http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/politics.html

PAIS – A database covering political, social and economic issues. Records relate to publications in journals, books, conference reports, government documents, international agency reports, and other forms of grey literature. Major areas of coverage include: free speech, globalisation, political persecution, and weapons stockpiles.
http://www.bl.uk/collections/social/eresources/subjects/biblio.html
5. PORTALS, BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND OTHER GUIDES

Intute Social Sciences – International Security
http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/cgi-bin/browse.pl?id=120136&gateway=%
Peer-reviewed internet resources relating to issues surrounding conflict, peace-keeping and terrorism. Resources selected are mainly from UK, European and North American sources.

UK Web Archive collection on London Bombings 7 July 2005
http://www.webarchive.org.uk/col/c8125.html
Archived web sites collected from immediately after the bombings. Content includes news sources, information for those affected by the attacks, public information, and weblogs written by those who had experienced the attacks.

United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library - International Terrorism
Details of recent books published on international terrorism, UN reports, and other information available on UN and related organisations' websites.

South Asia Terrorism Portal
http://www.satp.org/
The database covers Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and is divided into four sections. “Documents” contain the texts of relevant legislation and press reports, speeches, and other announcements by groups and individuals. “Data” contains statistics and chronologies of actions. There is also a selected “Bibliography” and “Links” for each country and the region as a whole. The database is maintained by the Institute for Conflict Management, New Delhi, a non-profit organisation that aims to evaluate and offer solutions for problems of security in South Asia.

Jurist: Terrorism Law and Policy
http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/terrorism.htm
Links to US legislation, hearings, reports, policy and analysis.

The MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Base
http://www.tkb.org
The MIPT Terrorism Knowledge Base is sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security and the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT). The TKB is a one-stop resource for comprehensive research on US domestic and international terrorism, with information on terrorist incidents, terrorism-related court cases, and terrorist groups and leaders. The TKB features a suite of sophisticated analytical tools,
available free of charge to researchers, policymakers, journalists, emergency response personnel, and the general public.

The Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism has compiled a comprehensive bibliography, which is available at http://www.terrorisminfo.mipt.org/terrorismbibliography.asp

[note description and linking instructions are at: http://www.tkb.org/LinkingTKB.jsp]

United States Air Education and Training Command, Terrorism Bibliography 2006

Compiled by Glenda Armstrong, Bibliographer, Muir S Fairchild Research Information Center. An extensive bibliography (55 pages) including links to websites, books, journal articles and reports.

Features - Bibliography on Terrorism, Bio-Terrorism, the Middle East, and 9-11 Related Issues
http://www.llrx.com/features/terrorbiblio.htm / Camille Reynolds

A general listing that links mainly to publisher websites. This bibliography was compiled on 1 November 2001, and is hosted on Sabrina Pacifici's Law Library Resource Exchange website. An editor's note states that the page will be updated on a regular basis. However, the latest references are all from 2001. The website therefore also provides a good example of the debates and concerns leading up to and immediately after the attack on the World Trade Centre, New York.

The Literature of Intelligence: a bibliography of materials with essays views and comments
http://intellit.muskingum.edu/index.html

Compiled by J Ransom Clark, a former member of the Central Intelligence Agency. The bibliography includes sections on terrorism and counter-terrorism, covering materials produced from the 1970s up to the present day.

Print documents available at The British Library in the Reading Room or by Document Supply

Violencia política en el Perú, 1980- 1988
DESCO, Centro de Estudios y Promoción Desarrollo, 1989
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YA.1993.a.12361

Alali, A O & G W Byrd, Terrorism and the news media: a selected annotated bibliography
McFarland, 1994
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: 2725.e.2855
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YC.2002.b.2577

London Reference Collections Shelfmark: 2725.e.3844
DS Shelfmark: m03/26037

Bonante, Luigi, *La violenza politica nel mondo contemporano: bibliografia internazionale sul terrorismo i movimenti di ribellione* Angeli, 1979
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: X.809/48464

London Reference Collections Shelfmark: ZC.9.a.1933
DS Shelfmark: 8796.127000

Janke, Peter with Richard Sim, *Guerrilla and terrorist organisations: a world directory and bibliography* Harvester, 1983
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: OPL322.42 (open access in Social Science Reading Room)
DS Shelfmark: 83/22000

London Reference Collections Shelfmark: OPL322.42 (open access in Social Science Reading Room)
DS Shelfmark: 93/09830

DS Shelfmark: 1993.097425 no. 6

London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YC.1998.b.48
DS Shelfmark: 1993.097425 no. 9
Mickolus, Edward F, with Susan L Simmons, *Terrorism 1996-2001: a chronology*
Greenwood Press, 2002
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YC.2005.a.985
DS Shelfmark: m05/.17397 vol. 1 + m05/.17398 vol. 2

Mickolus, Edward F, and Susan L Simmons, *Terrorism 2002-2004: a chronology*
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YC.2006.b.1623 vol. 1; YC.2006.b.1624 vol. 2; YC.2006.b.1625 vol. 3
DS Shelfmark: m06/.39261 vol. 1; m06/.39262 vol. 2; m06/.39263 vol. 3

Ofcansky, T P, *A preliminary terrorism reading list for sub-Saharan Africa*
African Research and Documentation, no. 103 (2007)
DS Shelfmark 0732.917000

Schmid, Alex P and Albert J Longman, *Political terrorism: a new guide to actors, authors, concepts, data bases, theories and literature*
Transaction, 2005
London Reference Collections Shelfmark: YC.2005.a.14837
DS Shelfmark: m05/.37360