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Today

## Man found "not guilty" in Ricin "plot" to be deported anyway. Amnesty furious... (Update: Amnesty International speaks out)

By: BBC/stopwar on: 24.08.2006 [13:24 ] (385 reads)



Presumably he was called "Y" so that noone would trace him back to the "Not Guilty" verdict at the Ricin plot trial.

Both Amnesty International and one of the jurors at the Ricin trial are hot on the case! - sw

Update from Amnesty International: **UK: Algerian national security deportation an affront to justice and a green light to torture**

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## Suspect loses deportation appeal

Siac agrees with John Reid that 'Y' is a threat to national security

An Algerian terror suspect has lost his appeal against Home Office plans to have him deported.

The man, known only as 'Y', was judged to be a danger to national security by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Siac).

The crucial ruling indicated the panel felt improvements had been made within the Algerian regime.

The decision will also affect the government's plans to deport 15 other Algerians on security grounds.

Y had argued sending him back to Algeria would breach his human rights.

He was the first of a group of Algerians who launched an appeal against Home Office detention moves, which was heard earlier this year.

Home Secretary John Reid said he was happy with the Siac decision.

He said: "I welcome this judgement for two reasons.

"First because the court agreed this individual is a danger to national security and should be deported.

"Second because the court recognised that Algeria has changed - so as to allow us to deport this individual without jeopardising his human rights thanks to the Algerian Charter on Peace and National Reconciliation and the assurances we have received from the Algerian government".

## Disappointment

However, human rights campaigners said they were disappointed with the ruling.

Nicola Duckworth, Director of the Europe and Central Asia Programme at the Amnesty International, said: "Amnesty International has extensively documented the persistence of torture of people thought to possess information about terrorism by Algerian security forces.

"Given the extensive evidence before the Siac that 'Y' would face a real risk of torture if deported to Algeria, today's decision can only be described as an affront to justice and wrong."

Last year 'Y' was cleared of conspiring to use the deadly toxin ricin on car door handles in Holloway Road, north London.

Siac had previously reported 'Y' was subject to a death sentence and two life imprisonment sentences passed in Algeria in his absence.

Under human rights laws suspects cannot be deported to countries where they may face abuse.

Britain is seeking to sign a "memorandum of understanding" with Algeria, aiming to guarantee that anyone returned there would not be ill-treated.

In its judgement, Siac said: "We give some weight to the assurances received in December 2005 about how he would be treated were he returned to face a retrial... and to the verbal assurances which have been received."

Lawyers for 'Y' have until 29 September to submit an appeal.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/5280658.stm>

See also "**The Ricin Plot that never was**"

Originally written for "The Independent", but now mysteriously no longer available. BBC articles ARE still available. There was also a BBC Panorama programme about this.

Thankfully, William Bowles still has the Indep article in full on his website:

[http://www.williambowles.info/spysrus/ricin\\_plot.html](http://www.williambowles.info/spysrus/ricin_plot.html)

Also see: "**Return of the ricin plot so secret, it doesn't exist**"

This was September 2005, five months after the suspects were acquitted. Charles Clarke (Reid's predecessor) announces an intention to deport. Incredulity all round.

<http://leninology.blogspot.com/2005/09/return-of-ricin-plot-so-secret-it.html>

**UK: Algerian national security deportation an affront to justice and a green light to torture**

Posted: 24 August 2006

Amnesty International is deeply dismayed at today's decision of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC) dismissing the appeal of an Algerian man, known for legal reasons as "Y", against his deportation on national security grounds. The SIAC ruled that "Y" would not face a real risk of torture if he was returned to Algeria.

"The SIAC proceedings were profoundly unfair; they denied 'Y' the right to due process of law and any meaningful equality of arms making it impossible for him to effectively refute the UK authorities' case that he was a national security risk," Nicola Duckworth, Amnesty International's Director of the Europe and Central Asia Programme said.

"Y" is a torture survivor who had been granted refugee status in the UK. In 2005, he was acquitted, together with others, of all charges in connection with a purported attempt to manufacture and use ricin. He was released from custody in April 2005, where he had been since January 2003. He was later re-arrested and held pending deportation on national security grounds.

Upon hearing of today's decision of the SIAC, three of the jurors who had acquitted "Y" in the criminal proceedings expressed their shock that despite his acquittal at the

criminal trial, the exact same evidence was being used again to 'justify his deportation'.

#### **They told Amnesty International:**

"As three ordinary members of the public we have had our eyes opened to such an unfair and unjust sequence of events orchestrated by the authorities that we feel compelled to speak out. This is contrary to anything we thought could be possible in a democratic, free society."

"Since January 2003, 'Y' has been persecuted by our government beyond all realms of imagination. We were three jurors on 'Y's criminal trial (the 'no-ricin trial') and after seven months listening carefully to the evidence and arguments from the prosecution and defence, we, as a jury, acquitted him of all charges and expected that, on his release, he could begin to rebuild his life in this country."

Amnesty International's delegates observed most of the proceedings before the SIAC in which "Y" challenged the UK authorities' assertions that he was a national security risk, and that he would not face a real risk of torture if returned to Algeria.

The organization considers that in the proceedings before the SIAC "Y" was denied his right to effectively challenge being labelled as a national security risk. Of grave concern to Amnesty International was the UK authorities' introduction of, and the SIAC's reliance on, secret intelligence that was withheld from "Y", his lawyers of choice and the public.

"Amnesty International has extensively documented the persistence of torture of people thought to possess information about terrorism by Algerian security forces", Nicola Duckworth said.

"Given the extensive evidence before the SIAC that 'Y' would face a real risk of torture if deported to Algeria, today's decision can only be described as an affront to justice and wrong."

Note to editors: For interviews with Amnesty International spokespeople and the jurors, please contact Amnesty International's press office.

Please note that the jurors will speak only on conditions of anonymity.

[http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news\\_details.asp?NewsID=17071](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news_details.asp?NewsID=17071)

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#### **This needs to be spread far and wide...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [13:49 ]

the man was held for two years for a crime he didn't commit, and STILL our wonderful govt calls him a Terrorist "suspect".

Then, they use this to try to deport him to a country that has a reputation for torture.

NOTICE HOW THE BBC HEADLINE "**SUSPECT LOSES DEPORTATION APPEAL**" IS MISLEADING.

#### **As I said**

by skummijummy on 24.08.2006 [15:42 ]

in an earlier post this week: Watch the road to dictatorship in GB and US.

#### **If the UK goes down, skummijummy...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [16:11 ]

what makes you think your country won't be next?

The UK CAN be rescued, but outside help would make the job easier...

Everyone, everywhere needs to say that the BBC is biased. That WOULD help.

**John Reid said "I welcome this judgement for two reasons."**

by Mike-Malaysia on 24.08.2006 [16:17 ]

One, I fully believe that dark skinned people such as "Y", sould not be allowed to stay here, take our jobs and marry our women.

Two, I make the decisions over who can stay in my counrty. I'm not going to have some darkies come here and live off the dole money and recieve medical treatment at my expense. They should piss off back the the jungle where they belong.

**And three...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [17:06 ]

if he stays here, he might blab to a newspaper about how we tried to get him to confess to things he never did, and didn't even know anything about.

Finally, four: he might eventually realise that he needs compensating for wrongful arrest, and incarceration for two years.

**b'liar is also an arms salesman.**

by picard-fortune-500 on 24.08.2006 [17:16 ]

ht tp://www.prisonplanet.com/articles/August2006/240806weapons.htm

**When he gets to Algeria...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [17:18 ]

it won't be too long before he admits that there was a Ricin plot after all...

**Bliar is now recognised as being so bad...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [17:21 ]

that even "do gooder" Cliff Richard is trying to distance himself.

**BBC lying again...**

by stopwar on 24.08.2006 [17:33 ]

BBC news siad that ONE juror from the Ricin trial had spoken out - the Amnesty International states clearly that there are THREE involved. These three are brave and principled people.

**BBC scum**

by Mike-Malaysia on 24.08.2006 [18:02 ]

Goes well with racist shitbag and ex-communist Reid.  
Sure the UK isn't a fascist state yet?

**Do gooder Cliff Richard**

by Mike-Malaysia on 24.08.2006 [18:34 ]

Who invited mass murderer Tony bLiar to stay at his Caribbean home? Not much distince there!

**Shudderingly accurate:**

by Mike-Malaysia on 24.08.2006 [18:37 ]

stopwar said:

*When he gets to Algeria...it won't be too long before he admits that there was a Ricin plot after all...*  
- Wholly true and a deeply disturbing prospect.

This govt is worse than a sh\*t sandwich.

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