



All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition  
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**Tyrie calls on Select Committees to probe allegations of UK involvement in rendition**

Andrew Tyrie, Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition, today wrote to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, the Intelligence and Security Committee and the Human Rights Committee to invite them to look into allegations that the UK may have been involved in the rendition of British residents Jamil El-Banna and Bisher Al-Rawi.

He said:

*The All Party Group on Extraordinary Rendition held an Information Session about British residents Bisher Al-Rawi and Jamil El-Banna and we learned of the torture and inhuman treatment to which they say they were subjected during their interrogation and rendition. It was also alleged that the British ordered their arrest in Gambia.*

*The Government have denied that they requested the men's detention, but it is imperative that we find out more. I have today called on the Select Committees on Foreign Affairs, Intelligence and Security, and Human Rights to take up these cases. It is essential that all the details come out.*

*Last week, the Foreign Office wrote to me confirming that these men were indeed rendered from the Gambia to Afghanistan and then to Guantanamo Bay. There is a limit to how much the government can duck and dive from the*

*ineluctable question of what role it played in the detention and rendition of these two men.*

*Until we address these issues in an open way, and until the government demonstrates a firmer commitment to the rule of law, the UK's credibility in combatting terrorism will be the weaker. We prejudice the rule of law, and respect for civil and political rights, at our peril. Those are the values we are seeking to export. If we appear to undermine them we make ourselves less secure not more.*

Ends.

Enclosed.

Copy of letters to Select Committees

Copy of Transcript of APPG information session

Copy of letter from Foreign Office to Andrew Tyrie

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