Petition against increasing the limit for detention without charge to 56 days

- The current 28 day limit of detention without charge is the longest in Europe
- Detention without charge is counter-productive. It has been used before in Northern Ireland and did not lead to any improvement in security or reduction in terrorism
    - In fact, young republicans were *radicalised* by internment in the 1970's.
- We feel any extension to the detention period will primarily be used against Muslims:
    - Figures released by the Home Office reveal the number of Asians (predominately Muslim) stopped and searched under the Terrorism Act 2000 has increased by 300%. [Source: BBC News – 2 July 2004]
- During the "liquid bomb plot" case, the majority of suspects detained for the current maximum of 28 days, were released without charge. [Source: New Law Journal – 20 October 2006]
- We urge MPs to oppose any extension of detention without trial:
    - **"We don't believe detention beyond 14 days is compatible with article five of the European convention on human rights."** Eric Metcalfe, Director of Human Rights Policy at Justice

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Petition organised by the Muslim Public Affairs Committee UK (MPACUK) [www.mpacuk.org]
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