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Stop hounding our service men and women

UK Veterans-One Voice is appalled at the latest round of letters sent to service personnel questioning their involvement in past conflicts, in particular, the latest letters being for activities in Iraq over 10 years ago.

As a group we are determined to bring public awareness to the plight of our servicemen and women. Our members include many who cannot believe they are the subject of such enquiries, As a result their lives have been blighted and their health and well-being put to extreme pressure. Having been trained to kill, they are now the subject of whether they should have done their job or not.

There is no support mechanism in place for these people. They are targeted, questioned and pursued without any reference to their wellbeing. No one is offering them support in handling a response. They are like sitting ducks waiting to be picked off. Many are already suffering with the effects of what they have seen and what they have endured. No one trains anyone in how to handle conflict. Our members include people who feel suicidal, suffer from PTSD, anxiety, depression and a sense of isolation, because of fear of rebuff if they try and talk about their feelings, to mention a few symptoms.

We are the only group specifically set up to offer help and advice, be a 'sounding board' and try and find a way through what is a mine field for our members. Our members are not trained solicitors with the weight of legal precedent and volumes of texts available to bombard them with. They are in the main soldiers who did their job and have come home to try and fit into an ever changing civilian world.

We will campaign vigorously, every day, until our men and women are protected and given the right kind of counselling to meet and overcome these allegations and accusations. We have already held two marches in London over the last two months and have a multi location march planned on 20th February.

No-one seems concerned with the human rights of our service personnel - we aim to encourage people everywhere to challenge their MP and demand a stop to the current wave of harassment.

We are told that the majority of MP's are 'aware' of the cases and that they support us – BUT where is the visual and verbal support – hardly anywhere – we urge all MP's to come out and support the Troops. It is bad enough that daily we are met with Labour's apparent disregard for our men and women to the point where they appoint a defence spokesperson who has no direct involvement in the Armed Forces and is a strong supporter of a law firm who makes it their job to hound them. As veterans we realise the best form of defence is attack. For that reason we are exploring how lawyers

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have infringed the human rights of veterans by knowingly instigating groundless action, and by destroying key evidence.

Servicemen and women sign up knowing they may have to pay the ultimate price, and do their job to the best of their ability. But why should anyone feel that to serve one's country is the right thing to do when it appears no-one who cares?

About:

UK Veterans - One Voice formed to campaign for fair treatment for all veterans. We aim to attempt to unite all the groups who are fighting for justice or seeking help for serving military personnel and veterans in need. We are not a political organisation but people who have served their Country with Professionalism, Honour and the hope that we would always be supported by the Government we represented. Though we are in support of other groups, each must take responsibility for its own actions. We WILL NOT support any criminal activities.

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