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**Moazzam Begg was abducted in January 2002 from his home in Islamabad by Pakistani and US agents**

When I was kidnapped from my house, in January 2002, it was at the hands of fellow Muslims, fellow Pakistanis, who came to my door, knocked on it and then, with guns in their hands, pointed them to me, dragged me in front of my wife and children into the back of the vehicle, shackled me, hooded me and handed me over to the Americans.

And Pakistan has become almost a second player in the ‘war on terror’, with the United States of America in how it removes the rights, removes any civil liberties, any freedom that one would expect by dragging people and kidnapping them from their homes.

It is little wonder then that people in Pakistan are afraid to speak about these issues because of the fear that they themselves may just disappear. And these are the things that we are talking about now. Disappearances of human beings, shattering of people lives.

So how does one fight this? And the way to fight this is for people to stand up and for the Pakistani government and for the people within the intelligence wings to stand up and to recognize that what they are doing is just simply and totally wrong.

**Moazzam Begg was unlawfully detained in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Guantánamo Bay for 3 years, and released without charge in January 2005**

**He is now a leading campaigner for the rights of the detainees in the “war on terror”**