

1 There is no need for any special anti-terrorism law. existing laws adequately cover this offence (note:"offence").

2. Terrorism is of two main kinds:

(a) Domestic. Here the issues are local, e.g. the "troubles" in Northern Ireland; the Chechnya "troubles"; the Bali bombings, etc. The last is essentially domestic and aimed at the Indonesian government, but is also in part international, for it is govt. policy to encourage tourism of a kind seen to be inimical with local culture. Hence foreigners suffer too.

(b) International. This is essentially anti-U.S.A., and non-religious. All targets so far have been military or trade, business or administration. The motivation appears to be to change and reverse the declared U.S. intention* to dominate the world in all areas, and impose its "values" on all. This to be forever, and enforced by all means, including military ones. The immediate gripe of the "terrorists" is U.S. support for Israel, and its invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Religion is perhaps an issue too, but not the primary one.

3. The perceived terrorist threat to Australia is a direct consequence of the government's support for the U.S.A., and can be almost wholly removed at will by breaking the alliance with the U.S.A. A smaller threat from Indonesians upset by Australia's role in East Timor would remain.

*Hegemony or Survival, Noam Chomsky, p.11, quoting John Ikenberry, Arthur Schlesinger, etc.

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