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7th June 2014 – Anti-Surveillance Street Theatre marks publication of '1984' and 800th anniversary of Magna Carta as “snoopers charter” returns again...

On Sunday (7th June) anti-surveillance campaigners will be performing street theatre in Birmingham city centre [1]. The performance is ahead of '1984 Action Day' [2], an international day of action to mark the publication of George Orwell's novel '1984' on 8th June 1949.

This June also marks the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta – a document that put an end to unchecked absolute power and enshrined in our constitution judicial oversight and the rule of law. Despite the official Magna Carta celebrations that the government and politicians will take part in over the coming weeks, parliament will also re-introduce a revamped “snoopers charter” that could allow unfettered access to the who, where and when of all of our texts, emails, phone calls, web searches and more. In other words, whilst they celebrate the legacy of Magna Carta with one hand they will continue erasing it with the other – a truly Orwellian state of affairs.

Charles Farrier of No CCTV said:

“George Orwell's novel '1984' is a warning of what happens when totalitarian thinking takes hold in a country, any country. But Orwell's words have not been heeded. On '1984 Action Day' we will be asking people to think about the world we are passing on to the next generations.”

Photos of the previous street theatre stunts are available at:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/no-cctv/sets/72157633948273944/>



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References:

[1] To arrange and interview/photo shoot in Birmingham on 7th June contact either Steve Jolly on 07592 528849 / steve_jolly@no-cctv.org.uk or Charles Farrier at press@no-cctv.org.uk

[2] See <http://www.no-cctv.org.uk/1984.asp> , <http://1984actionday.wordpress.com>,
<http://www.iwgvs.org>

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. No CCTV is a UK group campaigning against the excessive use of surveillance cameras and other surveillance issues. Their homepage is at www.no-cctv.org.uk

2. For further information contact Charles Farrier at press@no-cctv.org.uk

3. 1984 Action Day is an annual event on 8th June, the date of the publication of '1984' - it came about at the Freedom Not Fear event in Brussels in September 2011, after a meeting of campaigners opposed to the ever increasing levels of state surveillance. The annual Freedom Not Fear demo in Berlin regularly attracts thousands of people.