



The former head of MI6 has hit out at 'striking and disturbing' invasions of privacy by the Big Brother state.

Sir Richard Dearlove, who led the Secret Intelligence Service from 1999 to 2004, claimed some were an 'abuse' of the law.

He attacked the 'loss of liberties' caused by expanding surveillance powers and described some police operations as 'mind-boggling.'

The former spy chief joins a growing number of high-profile critics warning that individual freedom and privacy are being seriously eroded by the Government's disproportionate efforts to guard against terrorism.

Sir Richard was particularly critical of what he claimed were inadequate laws to regulate some surveillance powers.

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