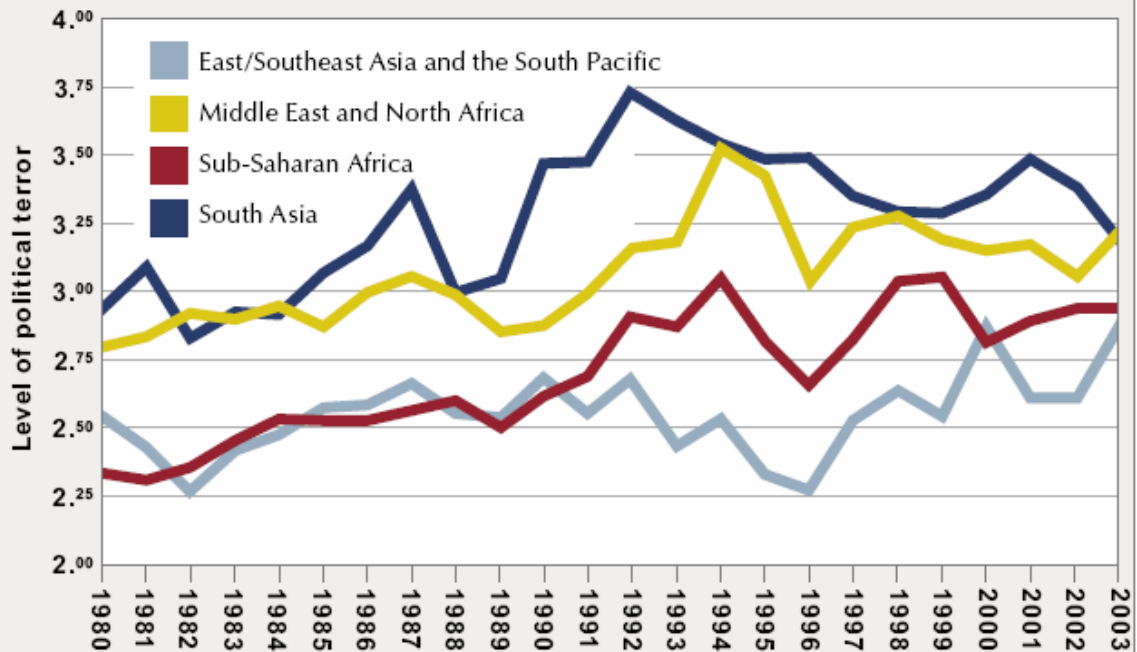


**Figure 2.6 Political repression 1980-2003:
a net increase in four regions**



Source: Cornett and Gibney, 2004

In four developing country regions the data indicate that human rights abuse rose slightly over the 24-year period. But in three of the four regions, there has been a modest improvement in the past decade.