

The Hassan Diab Extradition: Calling for a Public Inquiry, Reforming Canada's Extradition Law

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You may be aware of the recent CBC coverage of Dr. Hassan Diab's ordeal and the <u>role the Canadian Department of Justice played</u> in facilitating his extradition to France. When the case against Hassan was falling apart, after the defense discredited the French handwriting analysis, Senior Department of Justice lawyers urged French authorities to produce "new" handwriting analysis. Justice Department lawyers also suppressed fingerprint evidence showing Hassan's innocence.

We are gravely concerned about the problematic role that Department of Justice lawyers played in pushing for Hassan's unjust extradition, and troubled by Canada's deeply flawed extradition law that puts all Canadians at risk.

We urge you to join us in calling for an independent public inquiry into Hassan's case and reforming Canada's extradition law so that no other Canadian is subjected to such a flawed and unfair process. We do not have faith in an internal review by the Department of Justice which, in the first place, was responsible for Hassan's ordeal.

Amnesty International Canada and the BC Civil Liberties Association sent an <u>open letter</u> to the Canadian Ministers of Justice and Foreign Affairs calling on them to launch a thorough public inquiry into Hassan's case. Also, the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) <u>called</u> for an independent public inquiry into Hassan's treatment. MP Murray Rankin, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, <u>raised</u> Hassan's case in Parliament and called for an independent public inquiry.

We ask you to add your voice by writing to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, calling upon him to launch a thorough, independent public inquiry into Hassan's case. Please copy the Ministers of Justice and Foreign Affairs and your member of Parliament on your letter, and share your correspondence with diabsupport@gmail.com.

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- Cc: jody.wilson-raybould@parl. gc.ca
- Cc: chrystia.freeland@internat ional.gc.ca
- Cc: Your Member of Parliament: http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members

A sample letter is available:

- PDF version of sample letter
- Word version of sample letter

Also, please post on social media and write articles and op-eds calling for a public inquiry.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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