

Chronology of Dr. Hassan Diab's Extradition Case

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Date	Key Event
November 13, 2008	Dr. Diab is arrested by the RCMP at the request of French investigators.
April 1, 2009	Dr. Diab is let out on bail under very strict conditions that include wearing a GPS monitoring device at all times for which he must pay approximately \$2,000 per month.
May 29, 2009	Crown appeals Dr. Diab's bail.
June 2, 2009	Extradition hearing to be heard by the Ontario Superior Court is scheduled for January 4, 2010.
June 26, 2009	Court of Appeal for Ontario upholds Dr. Diab's bail.
July 29, 2009	Dr. Diab's teaching contract at Carleton University is terminated without explanation and following pressure from outside interest groups.
August 26, 2009	Carleton University faculty, labour unions, and the National Post criticise the University for firing Dr. Diab and thereby violating Hassan's right to the presumption of innocence.
October 22, 2009	Defence submits expert reports to Ontario Superior Court, requests evidentiary hearing.
November 30— December 10, 2009	An evidentiary hearing on expert handwriting analysis reports, the use of unsourced and uncircumstanced intelligence as evidence, and the French counterterrorism judiciary is conducted at the Ontario Superior Court.
December 11, 2009	Extradition judge rules reports of defence experts are admissible; defence may call any two handwriting experts and Professor Kent Roach (an authority on the dangers of using intelligence as evidence) to give expert testimony at the extradition hearing.
December 18, 2009	Extradition hearing dates (scheduled for January 4, 2010) collapse after Crown Prosecutor seeks a lengthy adjournment to consider the defence evidence.
February 8, 2010	Extradition hearing is further delayed to allow France more time to consider defence evidence.

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February 12, 2010	Judge sets new extradition hearing dates for June.
March 29, 2010	Crown Prosecutor once causes collapse of the extradition hearing dates by requesting a further adjournment.
May 17, 2010	France withdraws discredited handwriting reports, further delaying the extradition hearing.
June 18, 2010	Ontario Superior Court rules Dr. Diab must continue to wear and pay for GPS monitoring device.
August 30, 2010	Defence files an abuse of process application detailing how French investigators and the Crown Prosecutor continued to rely on flawed handwriting evidence after learning that handwriting samples alleged to have been written by Dr. Diab were actually written by someone else.
October 15, 2010	Defence seeks to have deliberately manipulated extradition case (based on unsourced, uncircumstanced intelligence and other materials) tossed out.
November 8-23, 2010	Court conducts hearing on defence abuse of process application, addressing nine major misrepresentations, overstatements, misstatements, omissions, inaccuracies and self-serving edits that fill the case against Hassan and that result in a misleading, incomplete, unreliable and unfair Record of the Case.
November 24-25, 2010	Court hears expert testimony from University of Toronto Law Professor and anti-terrorism expert, Kent Roach, regarding the inherent unreliability of unsourced and uncircumstanced intelligence.
November 29 – December 3, 2010	Court hears arguments regarding admissibility of expert handwriting evidence.
December 6, 2010	Court Allows Defence to call handwriting experts Brian Lindblom, John Paul Osborn, and Robert Radley.
December 13, 2010 – January 7, 2011	Defence handwriting experts Lindblom, Osborn, and Radley give testimony in court and are cross-examined by Crown Prosecutor.
February 18, 2011	Judge rules to admit French handwriting analysis as evidence, despite finding it “very problematic”, “very confusing”, and with “suspect conclusions”.

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February 28 – March 1, 2011	Defence brings <i>Charter</i> challenge against French handwriting evidence.
March 2, 2011	Judge rules exonerating physical identification evidence not admissible in the Record of the Case.
March 9, 2011	Arguments wrap up in extradition hearing.
May 25, 2011	Defence seeks to introduce additional handwriting evidence.
May 26, 2011	Judge denies defence request to allow additional handwriting evidence.
June 6, 2011	Judge signs committal order for Dr. Diab's extradition to France, despite having found the case to be “weak” and based solely on a single handwriting analysis report that he found to be “very problematic”, “very confusing”, and with “suspect conclusions”.
January 20, 2012	Dr. Diab's supporters hold rally at the Department of Justice in Ottawa, and deliver a petition signed by hundreds of individuals and organisations calling on Justice Minister Rob Nicholson to halt extradition proceedings against Dr. Diab.
April 5, 2012	Justice Minister Rob Nicholson signs surrender order.
April 13, 2012	Hassan Diab and members of the support committee hold a press conference reacting to Justice Minister's surrender order.
February 5, 2013	Lawyers for Dr. Diab launch an appeal of the committal and surrender orders with Court of Appeal for Ontario.
July 4, 2013	Court of Appeal for Ontario schedules Dr. Diab's appeal for November 4 and 5, 2013. Amnesty International, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) join the appeal as interveners.
November 4-5, 2013	Court of Appeal for Ontario hears Dr. Diab's appeal of extradition committal and surrender orders.