

# Bring Hassan Home!



Dr. Hassan Diab is a Canadian citizen and sociology professor from Ottawa. His life tragically changed when the French government demanded his extradition for his alleged involvement in a bombing near a synagogue in Paris in 1980.

Dr. Diab is innocent of the charges and has no connection whatsoever to the 1980 crime. His palm prints and finger prints do not match those of the suspect. He is not an anti-Semite, and he strongly condemns all forms of bigotry and violence.

On November 14, 2014, Hassan was extradited to France. He remains incarcerated at Fleury-Merogis prison on the outskirts of Paris, where he is expected to remain for up to two years before his case goes to trial.

## Why We Are Concerned

There is a **real risk that Hassan may be wrongfully convicted** due to the circumstances surrounding his case.

The Canadian extradition judge described the evidence in the case as “very problematic”, “convoluted”, “very confusing”, and “suspect”. He said that “the prospects of conviction in the context of a fair trial seem unlikely”, but stated that Canada’s extradition law left him no choice but to commit Hassan to extradition. French evidence that was withdrawn from the extradition hearing in Canada remains in the dossier for use at trial in France. Specifically:

- Hassan was extradited based on a handwriting analysis report that compared his handwriting to five words written by the suspect on a hotel registration card in 1980. Five world-renowned handwriting experts testified that this report is fatally flawed and does not follow any recognized methodology. Two previous handwriting reports against Hassan were withdrawn from the extradition hearing after it was demonstrated that samples used in the comparison were actually written by someone other than Hassan. **All three handwriting reports remain in the dossier in France to be used against Dr. Diab at trial.**
- The case against Hassan is anchored in secret intelligence. No one knows the source of this intelligence or the circumstances under which it was obtained. There is a real risk that the intelligence may be the product of torture. The intelligence was withdrawn from the extradition hearing in recognition of its extremely problematic nature. However, **the intelligence remains in the dossier in France to be used against Dr. Diab at trial.**
- Hassan has been torn away from all supports (i.e., family, friends, and supporters) who remain in his home country, Canada. He must defend himself in an unfamiliar legal system and language.

## How You Can Help

**JOIN** the **Bring Hassan Home campaign** and sign a statement of support for Dr. Hassan Diab. For more information, visit <http://www.justiceforhassandiab.org/bring-hassan-home>

**DONATE** to Hassan’s legal defence in France. Your donation – of any amount – will help provide an innocent man with the means to defend himself. For details about how to donate, visit <http://www.justiceforhassandiab.org/donate>

**SHARE** with us the contact information of individuals and organisations in France and elsewhere in Europe whom we may contact to inform them about Hassan’s case. If you contact people and organisations directly, please copy your messages to [diabsupport@gmail.com](mailto:diabsupport@gmail.com)

*We need to prevent the wrongful conviction of an innocent man under France’s anti-terrorism laws. Hassan must not face life in prison for a crime that he did not commit and that runs contrary to everything he has ever stood for!*

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