

Subject: Bring Dr. Hassan Diab Home

Dear _____,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing injustice being perpetuated against Dr. Hassan Diab.

Dr. Diab is a Canadian citizen who was extradited to France in November 2014 for alleged involvement in a bombing near a synagogue on rue Copernic in Paris in 1980. He is currently languishing in a prison near Paris, where he may remain for two or more years while an investigating magistrate decides whether to bring his case to trial.

Dr. Diab was extradited based on flawed handwriting analysis that the Canadian extradition judge described as “very problematic”, “very confusing”, and with “conclusions that are suspect”. The judge noted that the case against Dr. Diab is “weak” and “the prospects of conviction in the context of a fair trial seem unlikely”. However, the judge stated that, despite his misgivings, he felt bound by Canada’s extradition law to commit Dr. Diab for extradition.

Canada's extradition law is fundamentally at odds with the *Charter* and basic principles of fairness. It allows Canadian citizens to be uprooted and sent abroad based on evidence that would not be acceptable in Canadian courts.

The case against Dr. Diab is anchored in intelligence from unknown sources. Reliance on such intelligence offends justice because there is no way to challenge it or know the circumstances under which it was obtained. There is a real risk that such information is the product of torture. The intelligence was withdrawn from the extradition proceedings in Canada in recognition of its extremely problematic nature. However, the intelligence and flawed handwriting analysis remain in the dossier in France to be used against Dr. Diab.

I call on you to make sure that French authorities do not use against Dr. Diab the unsourced intelligence and the flawed handwriting reports that were withdrawn from the Canadian proceedings. Dr. Diab must be allowed to return as soon as possible to his home and family in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Signature (Name and Address)