

Bring Hassan Home!



Dr. Hassan Diab is a Canadian citizen and sociology professor who lived in Ottawa, Canada. He was extradited to France in 2014 in a case widely viewed as a **wrongful conviction in the making**. Dr. Diab has been detained since then in France for questioning based on **secret, anonymous “intelligence” allegations**, possibly gleaned from torture.

Dr. Diab was extradited based solely on a **widely discredited handwriting report** that the Canadian extradition judge described as “illogical”, “very problematic”, “convoluted”, and “suspect”. The judge noted that the **low threshold** for evidence under Canada’s extradition law compelled him to order Dr. Diab’s extradition.

In 2016, a French investigative judge found “consistent evidence” **supporting Dr. Diab’s innocence**, concluding that Hassan **could not have been in Paris** at the time of the 1980 bombing for which he is under investigation. In May and again in October 2016, the French investigative judge **ordered Dr. Diab’s release on bail**, finding no grounds for his further detention.

The French Court of Appeal unfortunately **overturned the release orders**, and Dr. Diab remains imprisoned in a special segregated unit with only two hours per day out of his cell.

The prospects of a fair trial in the current **political climate in France** are very slim. There is a real risk that Hassan may be wrongfully convicted due to the heavy reliance of **France’s anti-terrorism courts** on secret, anonymous intelligence.

Dr. Diab’s fingerprints, palm prints, and physical description **do not match those of the suspect**. He is not an anti-Semite, and he strongly condemns all forms of bigotry and violence. 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.

How You Can Help

SIGN the Parliamentary e-petition calling upon the Government of Canada to work towards the immediate granting of bail to Hassan and securing his urgent return to his family and home in Canada. To sign, visit <https://petitions.parl.gc.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-833>

WRITE to Canadian Minister of Justice (Ms. Jody Wilson-Raybould), Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs (Ms. Chrystia Freeland), and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Omar Alghabra) about Hassan’s plight. Urge them to bring Hassan back to his home and family in Canada. For a sample letter, visit <http://www.justiceforhassandiab.org/help>

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

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