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The Jewish Faculty Network condemns in no uncertain terms the guilty verdict enacted against Professor Hassan Diab on Friday April 21, 2023, in a French court, one based on an unjust investigation and trial that ignored all exonerating evidence. The charges against Dr. Diab alleging his involvement in a 1980 bombing of a French synagogue have long been demonstrated as biased, unfounded, and politically motivated. Dr. Diab has suffered under these dishonest charges since 2008, as a consequence of which he spent three years in prison in France between 2014-8. He was released in 2018 after two French judges found there was insufficient evidence to take the matter to trial. The prosecutors appealed and a French court has now found him guilty in absentia despite strong evidence of his innocence. We call on Prime Minister Trudeau and the Canadian Government to immediately intervene on behalf of Dr. Diab and his family, to refuse any extradition request, and to denounce the judicial process in France that has delivered this result.

Further information:

https://www.justiceforhassandiab.org/

https://you.leadnow.ca/petitions/pm-trudeau-protect-hassan-diab-from-further-injustice-say-no-to-another-extradition

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-extraditing-hassan-diab-a-second-time-would-be-a-travesty/

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