



May 4, 2023

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, PC, MP, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) and our more than 425,000 members regarding the case of Hassan Diab.

I was shocked and dismayed to learn of the French court's guilty verdict in Dr. Diab's case last week. NUPGE has previously written to the federal government about our concern with Diab's situation and the need for the Canadian government to act.

Earlier French charges against Diab, which alleged his involvement in the bombing of a Paris synagogue in 1980, were dismissed in 2018 due to insufficient evidence. Unfortunately, this came after years of injustice and harm caused to Diab and his family, which included his extradition to France and 3 years spent in a French prison.

Diab's lawyer and supporters, as well as human rights groups, have observed that the latest trial was flawed and unjust, relying on discredited allegations and ignoring key evidence that had exonerated Diab in 2018. Not only does this compound the Kafkaesque ordeal facing Diab, but it does not bring justice to the victims and survivors of the anti-Semitic attack in 1980—something that must be rightly pursued.

I am writing to urge your government to oppose any request from France to extradite Diab.



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I would point to your statement in 2018, where you said that what happened to Diab never should have happened and that the government would make sure it never happens again. I ask you to honour these words and to protect Diab's rights. I also call on your government to reform Canada's extradition laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bert Blundon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bert" and last name "Blundon" clearly distinguishable.

Bert Blundon
President

cc: The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, PC, MP, Deputy Prime Minister
The Hon. David Lametti, PC, MP, Minister of Justice
The Hon. Mélanie Joly, PC, MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs
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