



Calling on Canadian Government to refuse extradition request for Dr. Hassan Diab

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

We are writing on behalf of the Public Service Alliance of Canada to urgently request the Canadian government refuse a second extradition request from France and do everything in its power to protect Canadian citizen, Dr. Hassan Diab from this miscarriage of justice.

As a union movement committed to upholding the rights and welfare of workers, we believe it is crucial to stand in solidarity with individuals who face injustice and unfair treatment.

The ordeal Dr. Diab has endured for over a decade including his wrongful extradition, prolonged detention, and the denial of a fair trial, has cast a dark shadow on the principles we hold dear as Canadians.

It is deeply troubling that an innocent man has suffered such immense hardships, was torn away from his family, his career, and his freedom, based on questionable evidence that has been discredited by leading experts.

The diligent work of human rights organizations such as Amnesty International has made it clear that Dr. Hassan Diab has suffered a grave injustice.

We are also outraged that the Assize Court in Paris relied on old, discredited evidence, and declared Dr. Diab guilty despite unequivocal exculpatory evidence.

It is unconscionable that Dr. Diab was sentenced to life in prison and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Mr. Prime Minister, in 2018 you stated, “I think, for Hassan Diab, we have to recognize first of all that what happened to him never should have happened. This is something that obviously was an extremely difficult situation to go through for himself and for his family, and that's why we've asked for an independent



external review to look into exactly how this happened and make sure that it never happens again.”

We join the international chorus of voices and call on you to honour your words by taking immediate action to protect the fundamental human rights of Dr. Hassan Diab, and all Canadians, by taking two clear steps:

1. Give immediate assurances to Dr. Hassan Diab that Canada will not accept nor accede to a second request for his extradition.
2. Reform Canada's unjust extraditions laws.

You have committed to countering the threat of rising islamophobia, and in this case, we hope you will fulfill your promise by ensuring a Muslim Canadian is not unjustly persecuted.

We look forward to your prompt action.

Sincerely,

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cc: Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland
cc: Minister of Justice Arif Virani
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