

JUSTICE FOR MOHAMED HARKAT AND AN END TO THE SECURITY CERTIFICATE

We demand that Mohamed Harkat:

- 1) Be released immediately**
- 2) Not be deported**
- 3) Be allowed due process: the right to a fair trial, the right to know what he is charged with, the right to hear evidence against him and the right to defend himself in court.**

We also demand:

- 4) That the secretive and unjust Security Certificate mechanism be abolished immediately**
- 5) An immediate end to all deportations to Algeria and a return to the moratorium on removals to Algeria**

Who is Mohamed Harkat and why is he in jail?

Mohamed Harkat has been in Canada since 1995. In 1997, he was given refugee status after claiming that he faced persecution from the Algerian government if he were to return. Now he faces removal to Algeria where he could be killed. On December 10th 2002, Mr. Harkat was arrested by undercover police outside his home in Ottawa. Since then, **he has been in jail WITHOUT ANY CHARGES** under a 'Security Certificate' authorized by Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Denis Coderre and Solicitor General Wayne Easter. Mr. Harkat is being held under the allegation that he is linked to Islamic terrorist groups and activities. Mr. Harkat denies any involvement with any terrorist organizations. Both Mr. Harkat's wife Sophie and lawyer Bruce Engel believe Mr. Harkat is innocent. Mr. Engel has seen no evidence to support the allegation. **Sophie Harkat says, "Mohamed is being mistreated because of all these allegations, and the treatment he has been receiving is unfair and horrible."**

Mr. Harkat is being denied his rights as a human being under a racist attack against Arabic communities by the Canadian government.

What is a Security Certificate?

A security certificate is an anti-democratic and secretive device used to remove people from Canada. It strips vulnerable people of the right to due process and standard legal rights. A security certificate must be authorized by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and the Solicitor General. CSIS (Canadian Security and Intelligence Service), Canada's secret police agency, helped create the security certificate in 1990. CSIS puts together information to label people as possible threats and then the information is used to sign a security certificate.

The security certificate can be used against foreign nationals as well as permanent residents. When it is being used against foreign nationals, or people trying to immigrate to Canada, they are automatically detained. The hearing that takes place to determine whether a person poses a threat to the country takes place without the person charged being present. They are denied information on why they were arrested and what their charges are. Even their lawyer is not allowed to know, denying access to fair representation. **Mohamed Harkat is in this unjust situation and FACES DEPORTATION AND POSSIBLE DEATH.** For what? He is not allowed to know!



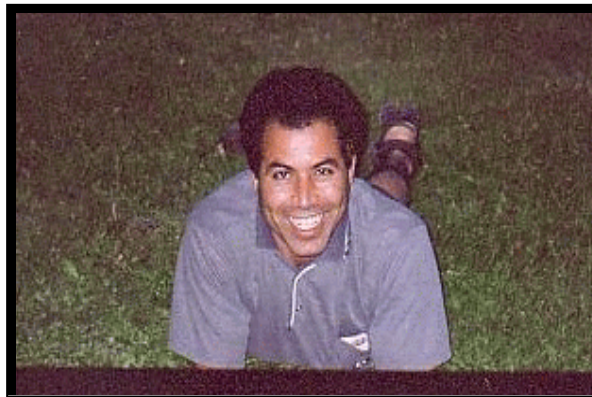
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Situation in Algeria

Violent civil conflict in Algeria has been a reality since the early 1990s when Islamic political groups were gaining popular support in the country and the military-backed Algerian government reacted by trying to overthrow the Islamic movement. Specifically, when the political party known as the Islamic Salvation Front, or FIS, won a multi-party free election in 1992, the Algerian government cancelled the results and began rounding up FIS members and supporters. Since then, political struggles between certain Islamic groups and the Algerian military have led to massacres across the North African country. More than 150,000 lives have been lost and thousands of people have disappeared. This extremely violent situation is ongoing.

Algerians in Canada

Many Algerians have fled Algeria. Since 1997, all Algerians living in Canada were protected from deportation by a moratorium on expulsions. In April 2001, however, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Denis Coderre lifted the moratorium, claiming that it was safe for people to return to Algeria. Now more than 1,000 Algerians living in Canada face deportation. The moratorium was removed as an economic strategy to encourage investments in Algeria. In fact, the moratorium was lifted at the same time that Jean Chretien was in Algiers (the capital of Algeria) promoting economic ties between Canada and Algeria in the lead-up to the G8 Summit at Kananaskis. Meanwhile the Department of Foreign Affairs has issued a travel advisory warning Canadians not to travel to Algeria, due to ongoing civil conflict there. That travel advisory is still in effect.



case and demand that the secret trials of the security certificate be abolished.

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MARCH and RALLY

Sunday March 2, 2003. 2pm. Meet at the Human Rights Monument at Elgin and Lisgar in Ottawa.

PRETRIAL and TRAIL:

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Pretrial: Tuesday March 4, 2003.

Trial: Apr. 28, 29, May 1, 2.

Be on the alert for gathering point locations.

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Who is Responsible?

CSIS: an organization empowered by the state to violate the rights of individuals. The signatories: **Denis Coderre**, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and **Wayne Easter**, Solicitor General.

Write, Call, Fax, and/or Email

Write, call, fax and/or email those who are responsible and let them know that you want a full, open, public hearing for Mohamed Harkat. Let them know that we are following the

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