No More Impunity! We Demand an Apology, Accountability, and Compensation for Three Canadians Targetted for Torture

To the House of Commons in Parliament assembled: Given that:

• Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El Maati, and Muayyed Nureddin are Canadian citizens who were targetted for torture by agencies of their own government.

• All were falsely labelled as alleged threats to Canada's "national security," and all wound up in Syrian torture chambers (and, in one case, Egyptian torture chambers as well) where they were interrogated and tortured based on questions that came from Canada.

• A problematic secret federal review of their cases (The Iacobucci report) nonetheless found in October, 2008 that Canadian agencies were complicit in the men's overseas detention, interrogation, and torture.

• In June, 2009, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security of the House of Commons called for an immediate apology for all thee men, along with compensation "for the suffering they endured and the difficulties they encountered."

• The Committee also called on the federal government to "do everything necessary to correct misinformation that may exist in records administered by national security agencies in Canada or abroad with respect to" the three men and their family members.

• The Committee called on "the Government of Canada issue a clear ministerial directive against torture and the use of information obtained from torture for all departments and agencies responsible for national security. The ministerial directive must clearly state that the exchange of information with countries is prohibited when there is a credible risk that it could lead, or contribute, to the use of torture."

• On December 3, 2009, that report and its recommendations were endorsed by the majority of the House of Commons, but the Harper government still refuses to act on the will of the majority of the House of Commons.

Therefore, We call on the House of Commons to demand that Prime Minister Harper act immediately on the abovementioned recommendations and bring a much needed measure of justice and closure to these cases.

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