

# Amnesty International Smears Peaceful Freedom Protesters as Violent Racists

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Amnesty International has issued [a statement](#) Friday smearing the peaceful Freedom Convoy protesters in the city of Ottawa as violent racists.

The international non-governmental organization focused on human rights joined the mob that’s attempting to frame the [largely peaceful trucker demonstration](#) as a scene of violence, despite abundant footage of [hugging](#), [dancing](#), and [singing](#).

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## A Note by Global Research

Millions of Canadians from coast to coast have supported and continue to support the Freedom Convoy 2022.

Statement of Prime Minister Trudeau on February 2, 2022



**Justin Trudeau** ✓

@JustinTrudeau

🇨🇦 Officiel du gouvernement - Canada



Today in the House, Members of Parliament unanimously condemned the antisemitism, Islamophobia, anti-Black racism, homophobia, and transphobia that we've seen on display in Ottawa over the past number of days. Together, let's keep working to make Canada more inclusive.

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"Amnesty International Canada is deeply troubled by the reports of violence, harassment, intimidation, and hate speech which have surfaced since January 29th," said Amnesty International Canada **Secretary General Ketty Nivyabandi**. "Nazi flags, Confederate flags, and other symbols of racism and hate exhibited have no room in peaceful protests. Equally concerning is the affiliation of some of the Convoy organizers with overtly racist, white supremacist groups."

The UK-headquartered group claimed that the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council, and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg have also expressed "concerns about the misuse and appropriation of sacred, traditional objects and ceremonies."

Amnesty International's statement clashes with video evidence of Indigenous groups actively taking part in the protests themselves. An Indigenous Clan Mother [blessed the Freedom Convoy](#) on its second day of protest in Ottawa. Other minorities such as two Indian protesters [joked on camera](#), calling themselves the "[white fringe minority](#)" that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau warned of.

"Authorities hold an equal international obligation to protect people from violence and harassment, and to respect the rights of all protesters to peaceful assembly and expression of their views. Violence and harassment however are not part of exercising the right to freedom of peaceful assembly," Nivyabandi said.

Amnesty International is calling on authorities to "take immediate and appropriate action to facilitate peaceful protests, while investigating and holding those perpetrating violence or inciting hate to account," added Nivyabandi.\*

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