

Canadians Mobilize to Free Meng Wanzhou

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On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, Canadians will take action right across the country to FREE MENG WANZHOU, who will have been under house arrest in Vancouver for two full years on that date.

In brief, the sponsors seek the release of Ms. Meng – through a simple order by Justice Minister Lametti – because they see her arrest and extradition at the request of the Trump Administration as a means by which it tried to drag Canada into a new cold war with China.

Disturbing elements of this new cold war with China are a rising tide of hostility towards Asian-Canadians and the illegal attempt, orchestrated through the Fives Eyes Intelligence Network, to prohibit Ms. Meng's company, Huawei Technologies, from participating in the Canadian deployment of a 5g internet network. 1300 lucrative, high-tech, Canadian jobs are at stake. The sponsoring organizations are also united in the belief that Canada must develop an independent foreign policy, which is sadly lacking in the Trudeau government of today.

There will be three different avenues of protest on Dec. 1st. The first course of protest will be a <u>cross-country day of informational pickets</u> at courthouses, MP's constituency offices, and other governmental sites. These socially-distant and masked events have been deliberately kept small to comply with public health restrictions in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second course of action will be a selfie day in support of Ms. Meng. A selfie poster has been distributed, which Canadians are asked to pose with, and to send the selfies to their MP's, post on social media, and forward to our campaign for compilation. The selfie poster is attached.

The third course of action will be an <u>Action Alert</u> message, distributed through the offices of the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, to all members of Parliament.

The Cross-Canada Day of Action follows closely upon the heels of the Zoom to Free Meng Wanzhou, a successful panel discussion involving two MP's, namely, the NDP's Niki Ashton and Green's Paul Manly. 261 people attended that online event on Zoom and more than 1000 watched it livestreamed on Facebook. In addition, it was widely reported in the Canadian media.

The sponsors of the Cross-Canada Day of Action are World Beyond War, the Canadian Peace Congress, the Canadian Foreign Policy Institute, the Hamilton Coalition To Stop The War, and Just Peace Advocates.

People seeking additional information are urged to contact the author.

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