

Unfolding Police State: Canada's Arbitrary Detentions

Statement by Lawyers against the War

By [Global Research](#)

Global Research, September 18, 2005
18 September 2005

Region: [Canada](#)

Theme: [Police State & Civil Rights](#)

Lawyers Against the War deplores the conditions inflicted by the governments of Canada and Ontario that have driven Security Certificate prisoners Hassan Almrei and Mohammad Mahjoub to life-threatening hunger strikes. The Security Certificate system under which non-citizens are arrested and detained indefinitely on the basis of secret evidence is a violation of Canadian and international human rights law. A letter of October 14, 2004 to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by more than sixty eminent legal authorities, expressed 'grave and urgent concern about both the arbitrary detention and the removal to torture of non-citizens in Canada pursuant to the Security Certificate procedure'. The full letter is attached to this statement.

We believe that this un-Canadian behaviour is a result of the new American witch-hunt that is the Bush administration's illegal and mendacious 'War on Terror', which has already resulted in the Canada's complicity in the torture of our own citizens.

If there is evidence that these men have committed crimes, they should be prosecuted. If not, they should be released.

LAW is an international group of jurists based in Canada with members in 14 countries. For further information, please contact:

Professor Sharryn J. Aiken

aiken@post.queensu.ca

Faculty of Law, Queen's University

Macdonald Hall, Kingston ON

Canada K7L 3N6

Tel. (613) 533-6000 ext. 78007

Fax: (613) 533-6509

Michael Mandel, Professor

Osgoode Hall Law School

York University, 4700 Keele Street

Toronto, CANADA, M3J 1P3

Telephone: 416-736-5039

Fax: 416-736-5736

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © [Global Research](#), Global Research, 2005

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Global Research](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca