



The Hon. Mélanie Joly, PC, MP  
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Dear Minister Joly,

We are writing to you regarding three Canadian citizens, Mr. Ahmed ALAGHA, and his sons Hashem ALAGHA (aged 20 years) and Borak ALAGHA (aged 19 years), who are currently being detained by the Israeli Defence Forces.

They were first detained in February 2024, and taken to the Ashkelon detention centre, where they were held for two months, before being transferred first to the Ashkelon Prison, and then to Ofer Prison in late April or early May. Apart from the very concerning the forceable removal of these three individuals from their home (contrary to the Rome Statute), there are both allegations and documented accounts that torture is common in such facilities.

Concerningly, there are reports that the Alagha family members have not been granted proper access to adequate medical nor legal services whilst in custody. And again, no charges have been laid and there seems to be no “next step” in this process, apart from continued, prolonged detention by Israeli authorities. We want to reiterate that these men are Canadian citizens.

Mrs. Samar Alagha, Mr. Ahmed Alagha’s spouse and the mother of Hashem and Borak, fears for their safety, health, and well-being.

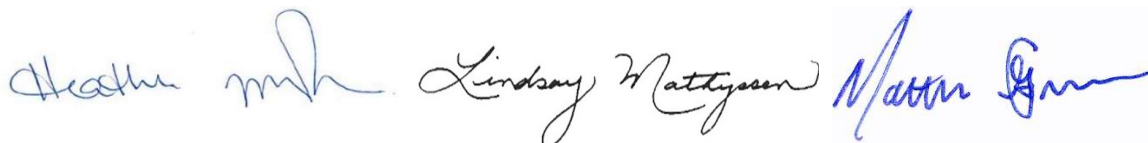
We would like to know what is being done for the Alagha family members by the Government of Canada. I understand that consular services have been offered to them, that consular meetings did take place but that the visits between Global Affairs staff and the Alagha family members are now becoming few and infrequent. Given the allegations of possible human rights violations (including forceable removal and prolonged detention), has Global Affairs Canada requested repatriation from Israeli detention to Canada? These are Canadian Citizens who are being held for unknown reasons in potentially dangerous and unlawful conditions. They deserve nothing but all-out efforts to bring them to Canada to safety.

I do hope that Mrs. Alagha’s concerns are taken with the upmost seriousness and that the situation is resolved swiftly. I also hope that she and her support network are not forced (against her better

judgement) by the apparently lack of action on the Government's part to go public with her account, to bring her husband and son's situation into the spotlight, to highlight the apparent further failures of your department to assist overseas Canadians in crisis.

Again, given the concerns of Mrs. Alagha and the detention of her husband and children, I very much hope that you will address these concerns, Minister, and ensure that the Alagha family members are released into Canadian custody and allowed to return to Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in blue ink are displayed horizontally. From left to right: Heather McPherson, Lindsay Mathyssen, and Matthew Green.

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