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SASKATCHEWAN MUSLIMS PRAISE FIRST ARAR REPORT CALL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS "JUDICIOUS"

REGINA - A Saskatchewan-based Muslim advocacy organization praised the first report of the Arar Inquiry issued today by Commissioner Justice Dennis O'Connor.

The public inquiry was launched in January 2004 by the previous government to look into possible Canadian involvement in Maher Arar's ordeal. The report found that information provided by the RCMP about Mr. Arar to U.S. authorities was "misleading, inaccurate, and unfair" and that Canadian officials leaked erroneous details to the news media to damage Mr. Arar's reputation and protect themselves.

In a statement released today, Muslims for Peace & Justice (MPJ) said:

"The long-awaited inquiry report vindicates Mr. Arar and answers the many questions Canadians had about the case. The several recommendations made by the report were very judicious and we urge the concerned Canadian agencies to adopt them fully.

"In addition, we strongly support Mr. Justice Dennis O'Connor's call for the report to be completely released without censorship."

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