

The International Campaign against Sharia Court in Canada expects the Canadian Government to break all its diplomatic relation with the Iranian Regime for its heinous state crime!

An Iranian-Canadian journalist Zahra Kazemi was brutally murdered. Her “crime” was preparing a report of the political prisoners’ families who were protesting outside of a prison in Tehran. According to Dr. Azam, who was present at the emergency hospital, Zahra Kazemi was savagely beaten, had bruises all over her body, had her fingernails pulled out, fingers broken, was raped and her skull was fractured. She was deeply unconscious.

The slaying of Zahra Kazemi was not the first murderous crime committed by the regime of Iran and will not be the last. Ten of my own close associates who were all women’s activists were slain by the police and judicial systems of the Islamic regime in Iran. I have directly experienced living under the rule of a regime of religious terror. It is precisely out of this experience, as well as my first hand knowledge of the move of political Islam and the capacity of its leaders for anti-human acts, that I have, alongside thousands of other Canadians, began a relentless, extensive campaign against Islamic tribunals in Canada, which are in the process of being established in the province of Ontario. Various Islamist currents utilizing the provincial arbitration Act of 1991 are involved in promoting this cause.

A regime founded on the principles of terror, imprisonment, torture, execution, and stoning, a regime with a judicial system resting upon unjust religious laws, gender discriminations and denial of all social and personal freedoms, a regime whose judicial authorities are themselves torturers and murderous; such a regime can deliver nothing but travesties of justice through its so-called courts of law. Expecting justice to be served by the organs of such a regime is nothing but a grand illusion.

In view of the above, the international Campaign against Sharia Court in Canada demands:

- The legitimacy of the court in the Islamic Republic of Iran to be completely and publicly rejected by the Canadian Government. This is a minimum standard that any government, as well as any political organization, is expected to observe in adopting a principled approach towards this crime.
- An international tribunal to be set up to consider this case. It must have the necessary authority to summon all and every official and agent of the Islamic Republic of Iran directly or indirectly involved in this crime.
- The Canadian Government to break all its diplomatic relations with the Iranian regime.

The above demands are basic demands of the oppressed Iranian people along with millions of civilized people across the world. If the Canadian Government is genuinely resolved in its demand for the criminals involved in the murder of Zahra Kazemi to be punished and the justice served, it can adopt and support only such a stand. It represents the lowest of this case. Unfortunately, this has not been the attitude of the Canadian Government so far.

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