

International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group

Press Release

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The International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group Calls for a Public Inquiry Into the Case of Afghan Detainee Transfers by the Canadian Military

The International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) has addressed an open letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper calling for the immediate establishment of a public Commission of Inquiry into the case of Afghan detainee transfers by the Canadian military. (*See letter attached*)

In its letter the ICLMG expresses the view that it is unlikely that the Special Committee of Parliament will be able to adequately examine the questions raised in a setting that is plainly charged with partisanship and political interest. That is why it is calling for a full public Commission of Inquiry into all aspects of the laws, policy and practice that has governed Canada's approach to handling prisoners in Afghanistan. The monitoring group believes these steps are necessary to ensure transparency and accountability and to help re-establish Canada's credibility and reputation as an advocate for democracy and human rights.

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