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SECURITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

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WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR TORTURE SURVIVOR MAHER ARAR TO RECEIVE AN APOLOGY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. © BUD SCHULTZ.



A COALITION OF GROUPS CALLS FOR AN END TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AT GUANTANAMO. JANUARY 11, 2011. © ZEKE JOHNSON.

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Amnesty International USA's Security With Human Rights Campaign works to ensure security for all of us by breaking the cycle of terror and torture between armed groups and states.

Terror. Torture. These words rightly make us shudder. Around the world, from Iraq to Sri Lanka to the USA, the cycle of violence between states and armed groups is a global human rights crisis. Countless people have been killed, tortured or held outside the law.

Maher Arar, a Canadian citizen and father, was travelling home from a family trip when he was detained at New York City's JFK airport and secretly sent to Syria, where he was held for a year and tortured. Canada apologized and compensated Arar, but the USA has failed to apologize or offer him any form of remedy.

When states respond to the threat of terrorism by abusing human rights, they are not solving the problem but fuelling it. We are all affected. Our rights and safety are imperiled when the rights of anyone are violated.

There is a solution: security with human rights. Under international law, acts of terror and torture by states and armed groups must end, those responsible must be held accountable, and the rights of victims must be upheld. Human rights mean security and justice for all of us.

We're not the only ones saying it. Military personnel, September 11th family members and people of many religious faiths and political beliefs are coming together to say enough is enough and demand that states and armed groups respect human rights. It's up to us, the people, to demand it. Join us.

CAMPAIGN GOALS

1. UPHOLD THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF ARMED GROUPS. The deliberate targeting of civilians for attack can never be justified. We support victims of armed groups by working for their rights to truth, justice and reparation.

ACTION: Thank Congress for passing the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 and ask them to ensure the Act is fully funded: www.amnestyusa.org/911act.

2. ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TORTURE. States and individuals responsible for torture and other human rights violations must be held accountable to the law, so that victims and the public have justice.

ACTION: Urge President Obama and Congress to apologize to torture survivor Maher Arar and fulfill his right to remedy: www.amnestyusa.org/apologize.

3. END UNLAWFUL AND ABUSIVE DETENTION. All people are equal before the law. Every person has the right to either be charged and fairly tried, or be released—and not tortured or abused.

ACTION: Call for Guantanamo detainee Shaker Aamer, held without charge for over 8 years despite the UK's request for his return, to be charged or released: www.amnestyusa.org/aamer.