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# MAHER ARAR

Maher Arar, a Canadian citizen and father, was travelling home to Canada from visiting his wife's family in Tunisia in 2002. While changing planes at New York City's JFK airport, he was detained by U.S. authorities and then transferred secretly, via Jordan, to Syria, where he was held for a year and tortured.

The Canadian government subsequently apologized and compensated Arar for its role in his treatment. In contrast, the U.S. government has failed to apologize or offer Arar any form of remedy.

Under the UN Convention Against Torture, and other human rights treaties, the U.S. government is obligated to fulfill the right of torture victims to remedy and redress—including an apology—for what they suffered.

**IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO** and it's required by law.  
Read more at [www.amnestyusa.org/apologize](http://www.amnestyusa.org/apologize).

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**TORTURE IS IMMORAL, ILLEGAL AND A CRIME. HELP END IT FOREVER.** Urge President Obama and Congress to apologize to Maher Arar and fulfill his right to remedy by joining Amnesty International USA's "I Apologize" action.

### ACTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- » **SIGN** this sheet at left. Please print clearly!
- » **FOLD** into a paper airplane (see instructions below).



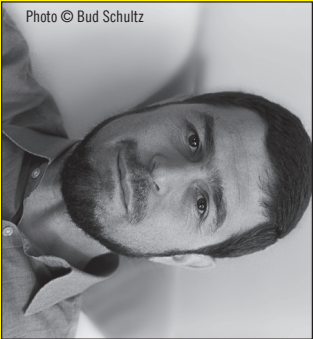
- » **SEND** it to Amnesty International, Security with Human Rights Campaign, 5 Penn Plaza, 16th Floor, NY, NY 10001. (Send in an envelope, fold plane in half to fit.)
- » **WE WILL DELIVER** the paper airplanes and online petition signatures to President Obama and Congress
- » **GO TO [WWW.AMNESTYUSA.ORG/APOLOGIZE](http://WWW.AMNESTYUSA.ORG/APOLOGIZE)** to sign the full petition and read more about the case.
- » **GET MORE INVOLVED:** Collect signatures and host film screenings. Find out how by e-mailing us at [security@aiusa.org](mailto:security@aiusa.org) or visiting [www.amnestyusa.org/apologize](http://www.amnestyusa.org/apologize).

**WHY A PAPER AIRPLANE?** Maher Arar is a survivor of "extraordinary rendition"—the U.S. government's illegal practice of kidnapping and flying people to countries known to use torture.

**PRESIDENT OBAMA & CONGRESS:**  
I apologize to torture survivor Maher Arar and urge you to do the same.

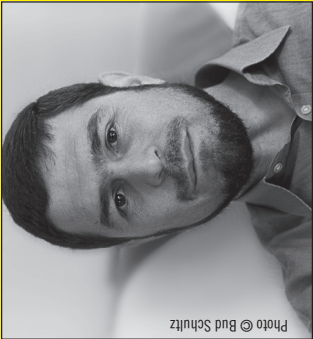


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