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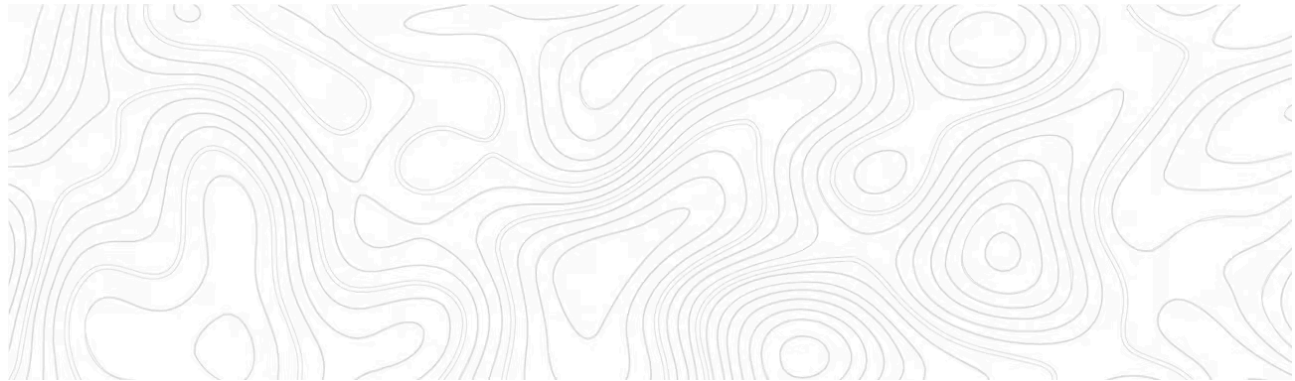
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Eid Mubarak & Monthly Update



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Eid Al-Adha Mubarak

With the blessed days of Eid upon us, CMPAC would like to extend its warmest greetings to all of our subscribers. While we celebrate in safety, we continue to remember the people of Gaza in our prayers. Together, let us stand united in our purpose, striving for a future where the voices of Canadian Muslims are strong and steadfast in the pursuit of justice.

PALESTINE ADVOCACY

Our work at CMPAC centres on advocating for Palestinian justice through



of Eid, we reaffirm our efforts with prayers for their well-being, safety, and relief. Their resilience inspires us, and with your support, we hope to continue championing their cause. Here is an overview of CMPAC's recent statements and initiatives in support of Palestine over the past month.

STATEMENTS

May 15, 2024 - CMPAC issued a statement on Nakba day in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

[Read the Nakba day statement](#)

May 11, 2024 - CMPAC and 57+ organizations issued a joint statement condemning the police brutality experienced at the University of Calgary and University of Alberta encampments

[Read the joint statement](#)

POLICY SUBMISSION

June 5, 2024 - CMPAC'S consultation submission brief on the proposed Nakba Bill seeks to address historical injustices and advocate for the recognition and commemoration of the Nakba. The submission addresses discrimination within Canada, particularly in the context of the Nakba Bill, proposing legislative protections, educational initiatives, community engagement, and international solidarity efforts to combat anti-Palestinian racism.

[Read the Nakba Bill submission](#)

COLLECTIVE CAMPAIGN

May 7, 2024 - CMPAC joins other Canadian civil society organizations in a



Arms Embargo Now campaign is a national campaign putting pressure on the Canadian Government to cease all military trade with Israel.

[Read our support statement](#)

COALITION WORK

- Joined Coalition Against Antisemitism, Anti-Palestinian Racism and Islamophobia (CAAARI)
- Joined TRV Gaza Visa Program Advocacy

OpEd

May 14, 2024 - [War on Gaza: Why campus protests are seen as a threat to the global order](#) by Khaled Alqazzaz

May 16, 2024 - [High cost for women advocating for Palestinian rights in Canada](#) by Dr Yasser Haddara

RESOURCES

CMPAC developed a resources manual for encampments that has been provided on a support basis as requested.

CANADIAN POLICY: MUSLIM CONTEXT

CMPAC continues to be active in Canadian policy impacting Muslims living in



surrounding controversial bills and proposed by-laws.

BILL C-63

CMPAC, as part of a coalition, participated in a joint open letter statement raising concerns about Bill C-63, the Online Harms Act. It highlights concerns that proposed amendments to the Criminal Code and Human Rights Act could severely restrict free expression and burden the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Moreover, it warns of the potential for abuse within the proposed procedural framework, emphasizing the need for transparent public deliberations.

[Read the joint open letter statement](#)

BILL C-70

CMPAC, in solidarity with the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) and its supporting signatories, co-signed a joint letter raising significant concerns over the expeditious review process of Bill C-70, the Countering Foreign Interference Act, by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. It raises concerns on the far-reaching impacts of the proposed legislation on national security, intelligence, and civil liberties, including heightened surveillance and limitations on freedom of expression and association.

[Read the joint letter statement](#)

BILL 166

CMPAC presents an in-depth assessment of Bill 166, also known as the *Strengthening Accountability and Student Supports Act, 2024*, recently passed by Ontario's legislative assembly. This assessment delves into the potential implications of the legislation on academic freedom and freedom of expression within Ontario's post-secondary institutions.

[Read the assessment](#)



CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSED VAUGHAN BY-LAW

Past Campaign on Proposed Vaughan By-law

CMPAC led a campaign on the city of Vaughan's newly proposed By-law which threatens to severely impact our community by stifling protests, suppressing free speech, and unfairly targeting certain groups. This overreaching legislation undermines democratic rights and lacks adequate community consultation.

Open Letter on Proposed Vaughan By-law

CMPAC has issued an open letter to Vaughan Mayor Del Duca and Members of Vaughan City Council on the significant issues surrounding the proposed By-law to Protect Vaughan's Vulnerable Social Infrastructure. In our review of the proposed By-law, we have identified several key areas that warrant careful reconsideration and broader community engagement.

[Read our open letter](#)

SAMI HAMDHI TOUR: WESTERN CANADA

CMPAC is excited to host Sami Hamdi for a Western Canada Speaking Tour! The 3-city tour will start in Edmonton (June 21), continue to Calgary (June 22), and end in Vancouver (June 23). Make sure to mark off your calendars for a thought-provoking event around Palestinian advocacy.

Tickets are free and can be obtained through the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.us/canadian-muslim-public-affairs-council>



Share with your family and friends so they may also increase their knowledge and ability to advocate for the Palestinian cause.

For more info on the Sami Hamdi tour, click here:

Sami Hamdi Tour



CMPAC'S PALESTINE ADVOCACY TOUR

SAMI HAMDI

Western Canada Speaking
Tour on Palestine Advocacy

21ST-23RD JUNE

FREE ADMISSIONS
ADULTS ONLY (14+)
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED.

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EDMONTON 21ST
MACDOUGALL
UNITED CHURCH
7PM-9PM

CALGARY 22ND
UNI OF CALGARY
SCIENCE THEATRES
(ST 148) 7PM-9PM

VANCOUVER 23RD
MAC CENTRE
6PM-8PM



Our advocacy works best when we can rely on the widest networks to push the issues that impact our community. With more resources, we can do more comprehensive research, build deeper alliances, and spread our educational content.

Help us build an institution and fuel the work of CMPAC with a contribution of any amount.

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Grow our Reach

Spread the word about CMPAC’s fight against structural Islamophobia and help support our Palestine advocacy initiatives. Forward this newsletter among your networks, and encourage others in the community to connect.

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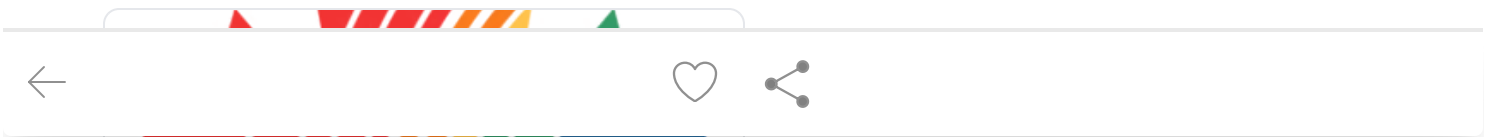
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Eid Mubarak once again, and may these blessed days bring comfort and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

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