

CMPAC's Policy Updates

January 21 - 28, 2025

Dear CMPAC Community,

Today, January 29, we remember the six worshippers murdered in the Quebec City Mosque attack. Their lives were taken by Islamophobic hate, fueled by policies and rhetoric that continue to endanger Muslims in Canada. We honour their memory by standing firm against racism, bigotry, and all forms of hate.

Islamophobia is not history—it remains a present and growing threat. From attacks on mosques to the targeting of Muslim advocates, policies that marginalize Muslims, and rising hate crimes, our communities continue to face violence. Words of remembrance must be matched with real action to combat Islamophobia in all its forms.

CMPAC calls on all levels of government to take concrete steps: from stronger protections for places of worship to dismantling systemic policies that enable discrimination. We urge Canadians to demand action and stand in solidarity with the Muslim community—not just today, but every day.



Joint Open Letter to Ontario Officials: Dismantle the HCWG and Address Anti-Palestinian Racism



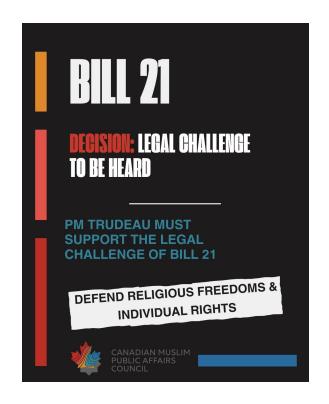
January 23 - CMPAC, CJPME, and over 60 organizations sent a letter to Ontario's officials condemning the politicization of the Hate Crimes Working Group (HCWG) for targeting Palestinian-Canadians and their allies. The letter demands the dismantling of the HCWG, an independent investigation into anti-Palestinian bias in Ontario's justice system, and the recognition of anti-Palestinian racism within Ontario law.

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CMPAC Welcomes Supreme Court Decision on Quebec's Bill 21

January 23 - CMPAC welcomes the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to hear the legal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21, emphasizing the importance of protecting religious freedoms and diversity. CMPAC urges Prime Minister Trudeau to uphold his commitment to support the appeal and defend individual rights, especially for Muslim women and religious minorities.

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CMPAC Calls for Action Against UNRWA Ban



January 23 - With Israel moving to ban the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), CMPAC highlights the devastating humanitarian impact this would have in Gaza. Canada must oppose this move and be prepared to impose sanctions in response to this violation of international law.

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Beyond the Ceasefire: Demanding Justice and Freedom for Palestinians

January 21 - CMPAC calls for decisive action in the wake of the ceasefire to address the root causes of violence in Gaza, including Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian land. CMPAC urges Canada to pressure Israel to comply with international law, support accountability for war crimes, impose an arms embargo, and uphold Palestinian self-determination. Canada must also safeguard civil liberties at home amidst growing discrimination.



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Gaza Ceasefire Short-Lived as Israeli Attacks Escalate



January 21 - Despite the recent ceasefire in Gaza, Israeli forces have launched a deadly attack on Jenin, killing at least 7 people and injuring many others. CMPAC condemns these actions, calling on Canada to demand accountability and end the ongoing oppression of Palestinians.

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CMPAC Urges Canada to Protect Ceasefire Agreement

January 20 - As doubts grow over Israel's commitment to the ceasefire, CMPAC calls on Canada to ensure the protection of the agreement and stand firm against further Israeli aggression. Canada must

lead international efforts to end the occupation and demand accountability for the violence in Gaza.

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