



Afghan-Canadian Coalition Makes Demands for Canada at G7 Emergency Meeting on Afghanistan

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The full scale crisis occurring in Afghanistan is a humanitarian emergency that requires an exceptional and time-sensitive international response. The Canadian Campaign for Afghan Peace (CCAP), a united cross-section of voices from the Afghan community in Canada, Canadian civil society, international organizations, nonprofits, activists, and citizens, is urging Canada to make concrete demands for Afghans at the virtual G7 meeting on Tuesday.

CCAP calls on Canada to continue being a global champion in promoting peace, development, and human rights and to leverage their diplomatic and political allyship to push for the G7 group to take immediate action for Afghanistan. Actions that CCAP wants Canada to advocate for on behalf of Afghan-Canadians and Afghanistan during the G7 meeting include the following:

- Advocate for the right of Afghans to claim asylum in G7 countries.
- Urge G7 countries to increase their immediate resettlement numbers and waive bureaucratic requirements to resettlement in order to provide an immediate safe haven to those fleeing conflict, persecution, and discrimination from within and outside of Afghanistan.
- Immediately halt deportations to Afghanistan.
- Call on the Taliban to allow for unhindered humanitarian access on the ground for aid groups in Afghanistan.
- G7 countries must not recognize a Taliban government. Any engagement with the ruling power must clearly be conditional upon the preservation of the progress achieved over the last 20 years with regards to democracy, human rights, freedom of speech, rule of law, and education for girls and women and ethnic and religious minorities.
- Champion efforts to guarantee the security and protection of girls, women, and ethnic and religious minorities such as Hazaras, Shias, and Afghan Hindus and Sikhs within Afghanistan as well as prioritizing their resettlement.
- Press the United States to stay beyond the original August 31 deadline in order to allow airport evacuations to continue beyond the deadline.

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