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## **THE LAWFARE PROJECT CALLS FOR CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK ENTRY INTO CANADA OF NOTORIOUS AMERICAN HATE FIGURE AND TERROR-SYMPATHIZER**

The Lawfare Project, a leading New York-based law and human rights think-tank, calls on the Government of Canada to bar admission to Canada of American hate-speaker and terror-sympathizer Ms. Linda Sarsour.

Ms. Sarsour is scheduled to enter Canada to speak at a Toronto “Carry the Light” [convention](#) sponsored by the highly controversial Islamic Circle of North America Canada ([ICNA Canada](#)). ICNA Canada’s extremist ideological affinities and connections are reflected in a [collection](#) of analyses published by Canada’s leading expert on the Muslim Brotherhood, Marc Lebus, at [Point de Bascule Canada](#)’s investigative webmagazine. Concerns arising from these documents [include](#) ICNA Canada’s proximity to *Jamaat-e-Islami* (JEI), as reflected in the history of longtime senior ICNA Canada personality, Muhammad Iqbal Masood Nadvi (a.k.a. Al-Nadvi). The Canadian government [describes](#) JEI as a political organization with an “armed wing”, *Hizbul Mujahideen*, that is “listed as a terrorist entity by the Council of the European Union and is declared a banned terrorist organization by the Government of India.” Canadian immigration authorities in 2008 [prevented](#) radical *Jamaat-e-Islami* leader Qazi Hussain Ahmad from entering the country to appear at an ICNA Canada-endorsed event.

ICNA Canada’s granting of publicity to religious [advocacy](#) of sex slavery, has also received attention.

In reaction to news of this month’s pending ICNA Canada convention, B’nai Brith Canada and other Canadian human-rights defenders are protesting the invitation to Sarsour and other “[hateful speakers](#)” slated to appear at the October 6-7, 2018 event. Among these undesirable individuals is preacher [Siraj Wahhaj](#),<sup>[1]</sup> whom the United States government [declared](#) suitable for designating as an unindicted co-conspirator in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing prosecution.<sup>[2]</sup>

ICNA Canada surely knew that Sarsour has for years enthusiastically supported firebrand racist and anti-Semitic Nation of Islam (NOI) leader Louis Farrakhan. Sarsour’s enthusiasm for the NOI chieftain extended to her speaking at a rally, which, a *New York Times*’ [article](#) reports, was essentially a “pageant ... centered on Farrakhan as the celebrity father figure.”

Sarsour was happy to be a prominent part of this, despite Farrakhan’s appalling past statements. A *New York Times* editorial [states](#) that the “chairwoman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, has correctly diagnosed Mr. Farrakhan’s pathology as racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and homophobic.” The *Times* [says](#) Farrakhan “asserted that Jews, Arabs, Koreans and Vietnamese doing business in black communities are “bloodsuckers.”” According to the [Anti-Defamation League](#), Farrakhan blames Jews for 9/11 and slavery,

referring to them collectively as the “Synagogue of Satan.” CNN, [quoting](#) remarks he made earlier this year:

“White folks are going down. And Satan is going down. And Farrakhan, by God’s grace, has pulled the cover off of that Satanic Jew and I’m here to say your time is up, your world is through,” ...

Sarsour has never personally offered specific, public condemnations of Farrakhan and his racist ideology or apologized for her Farrakhan advocacy. Instead, she remains a vocal supporter of the ideologue and a welcoming intimate of other Farrakhan supporters. Truly, it is [said](#) that “only poisoned apples can fall from Mr. Farrakhan’s tree.”

Only radicalism can explain ICNA Canada’s invitation to Sarsour. The Canadian government must bar the entry of Sarsour, a hate-bearer, into Canada.

**Moreover, there are credible allegations that Sarsour has links to terror-connected interests and other ideological extremists.**

Ms. Sarsour is an [advisory board](#) member and apparently a [donor](#) of a small, American-based organization called “[Dream Defenders](#)” (DD). As such, this group, and Sarsour with it, is implicated in the organization’s [support](#) for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), an illegal terrorist organization in [Canada](#) and the [US](#). On this basis alone, Sarsour would therefore appear, under [Canadian law](#), to be inadmissible for entry into Canada.

This record is consistent with Sarsour’s having [addressed](#) the US-based Islamic Society of North America, an [unindicted co-conspirator](#) organization and documented part of the Muslim Brotherhood core network. There, she [boosted](#) Siraj Wahhaj – her “favorite person in the room” – and called for “jihad” against an American president. Wahhaj [supports](#) enforcing Islamic law by corporal punishment and the stoning to death of miscreants. “Wahhaj has even raised funds for groups now [designated for financing al Qaeda](#),” [concludes](#) a terrorism assessment.

Linda Sarsour represents an extremist politico-ideological tendency that is a threat to the [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#) and its values of tolerance and security for all. Law and policy – and respected Canadian traditions of civility and openness – dictate that Sarsour and other foreign Islamist extremist ICNA Canada-invitees be barred entry into Canada. The Lawfare Project joins Canadians of good faith in calling for the Government of Canada to ensure that this occurs.

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[1] Note that the public record discloses variations in the spelling of Mr. Wahhaj’s name.

[2] When the radical-connected [National Council of Canadian Muslims](#) (NCCM) and Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA) recommended, in a so-called counter-radicalization [handbook](#), people like Wahhaj and Dr. Ingrid Mattson (formerly president of the US unindicted co-conspirator group Islamic Society of North America [ISNA] and now, disturbingly, with [The Canadian-Muslim Vote](#)), this was broadly interpreted as revealing the

Islamist taint of NCCM and ISSA, and quite likely as evidence of an attempt to “launder” the reputations of such people. The Lawfare Project assisted Canadian national security analyst David B. Harris with his successful defense against a libel-lawfare [lawsuit](#) launched by Mattson. Harris had described Mattson as “radical” in a Canadian national radio interview, and The Lawfare Project considers the characterization apt.

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