

Details on Getting Involved:

What to Bring:

Sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, medications, good walking shoes, re-usable water bottle, sunscreen, sun glasses, a hat to protect against the sun, pocket money for snacks. A sense of humour will help too!

Spirit of the Walk

This is very much a project in the spirit of the civil rights movement. We ask those who join us to abide by a spirit of openness to all we meet, nonviolence in word and deed, and respect for each other and our opponents, some of whom we are likely to meet on the way. This is very much a community effort: we all share in the tasks of food preparation, clean-up, taking care of one another, and leaving our host spaces in mint condition!

Do You Have a Vehicle?

For those who own vehicles, we hope you can contact us and let us know how many people you can take and how much trunk space you have.

Can't spend the whole time on the caravan?

You can join the caravan for a couple of days anywhere along the route. It is up to you. If you plan to join us in Belleville, for example, let us know and we'll arrange to meet you at the bus or train station.

Supporting the Caravan

If you can't join the caravan, please consider making a financial contribution towards our costs. Cheques can be made out to Homes not Bombs (earmarked "caravan") and sent to PO Box 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0.

What Next?

If you'd like to join Freedom Caravan and Camp Hope, please contact us as soon as possible with information on how long you can join us, if you have a vehicle, and if you will be on certain parts of the caravan and/or at Camp Hope in Ottawa. Contact info. is on the back of this flyer.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. A right delayed is a right denied. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



Freedom Caravan/Camp Hope Demands:

- ☒ Free Canada's Secret Trial Detainees
- ☒ End Secret Trials in Canada
- ☒ End Deportations to Torture
- ☒ End Arbitrary Detention Without Charge
- ☒ End RCMP/CSIS Harassment of Immigrant Communities
- ☒ Create A Just, Fair System for Refugees

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CLOSE CANADA'S GUANTANAMO BAY!

Five Muslim Men in Canada:

- Detained years without charge
- Jailed on secret "evidence"
- Fighting deportation to torture



Get on Board: Freedom Caravan and "Camp Hope," Toronto-Ottawa: June 3-16, 2006

Join a nonviolent community on wheels as we travel through dozens of communities between Toronto and Ottawa (June 3-10) and set up "Camp Hope" (June 11-16) at the steps of the Supreme Court, site of an historic three days of hearings on the grave human rights abuses stemming from Canada's secret trials.

ON TO OTTAWA!

June 3-16, 2006

Throughout history, long-distance journeys have played a key role in social justice struggles. In Canada, there have been cross-country caravans in solidarity with First Nations struggles, long-distance walks for refugee rights, freedom rides, and treks by train, such as the 1930s “On to Ottawa” anti-poverty mobilization.

Such journeys are both political and spiritual pilgrimages, opportunities to get beyond the world of sound-bite politics and engage in dialogue at a slower pace.

Five Years of Campaigning

For five years, efforts to end secret trials in Canada and deportations to torture have involved a wide variety of actions, from long-distance walks and 24-hour vigils to sit-ins, court support, educational efforts, theatrical productions, and Ottawa lobbying.

Yet four men remain detained behind bars without charge or bail, and a fifth struggles with absurdly draconian conditions of “release.” The United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and thousands of Canadians have called for an end to such abuses.

Hearings are NOT the End of the Road...

Although the Supreme Court hearings will be a significant moment, they are not the end of the road. Indeed, no matter how the Court rules, spy agency



CSIS and the cruel bureaucracy of Canadian Immigration are likely to continue their harassment of immigrant and refugee communities. The Secret Trial Five will likely be denied freedom for some time to come, so we must continue our protests and support for the men and their families.

A Unique Opportunity

This June, we have a unique opportunity to focus nationwide attention on the serious human rights abuses committed by the Canadian government against five men and their families (Mohammad Mahjoub, Mahmoud Jaballah, Hassan Almrei, Mohamed Harkat, and Adil Charkaoui) as well as on the much larger systemic forms of racism and repression directed against refugee and immigrant communities.



Caravan Schedule

(some cities subject to change – check website for final schedule)

Sat., June 3: Toronto, Markham, Ajax, Pickering, Whitby, Oshawa

Sun., June 4: Bowmanville, Lindsay, Peterborough

Mon., June 5: Port Hope, Cobourg, Colborne, Brighton

Tues., June 6: Trenton, Picton, Bloomfield, Belleville

Wed., June 7: Napanee, Deseronto, Bath (Millhaven), Kingston

Thurs., June 8: Gananoque, Mallorytown, Brockville, Prescott

Fri., June 9: Perth, Carleton Place, Smiths Falls

Sat., June 10: Kemptville, North Gower, Manotick, Nepean, CSIS National Headquarters

June 11-16: “Camp Hope,” Ottawa, a week of vigils, delegations, nonviolent actions

What Will the Freedom Caravan and Camp Hope Look Like?

The period June 3-16 is divided into two distinct parts:

1. The Caravan (June 3-10)

There will be lots to do each day. After breakfast, we will pack and head out to the next town, where we will disembark, pull out banners, placards, and flyers, and blanket the community with information and discussion, whether in town squares or shopping malls, at high schools, in front of MPs offices. We will then travel to the next town, stop for lunch, and continue throughout the day with rest spots along the way. Following dinner, there will usually be an evening procession, and then a review of the day. We will all have experiences to share and reflect on, and we will also need to discuss a variety of issues to maintain a smoothly-running community caravan!

Each night we will sleep in a church or community hall (men and women in separate rooms), and attempt to arrange alternative billeting for anyone with special needs (please let us know about these far in advance!). We will also attempt to accommodate religious needs (such as Halal food, prayer time). We'll attempt to arrange showers where available and meals will be provided in each town.

2. Camp Hope in Ottawa (June 11-16)

Using the spacious grounds in front of the Supreme Court as a daytime gathering point and for a continuous daylight vigil, we will hold a variety of demonstrations and delegations to government institutions each day, with a final visit to “Camp CSIS” on Friday. Accommodation and food will be provided in Ottawa.

