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Re: Canadian Academics detained in Egypt without charges

Excellency,

The Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) is joining many other organizations and Canadian citizens in expressing concern about the detainment of two Canadian academics, Dr. Tarek Loubani and Professor John Greyson, who have been held without charges by the Egyptian police since August 17, 2013.

Dr. Loubani is an emergency room medical doctor at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), Canada, and one of the architects of the Canada-Gaza academic collaboration, a project that has brought doctors from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, to Gaza to train physicians. Professor Greyson is a professor at the Department of Film at York University and an award-winning film-maker. Both were en route to the Gaza Strip, where they were working on an academic and medical collaboration between the University of Western Ontario, Canada, and the main hospital in the Gaza Strip.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation urges the Egyptian authorities to take all measures necessary to ensure their immediate release.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is an Affiliate member of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all publicly-funded schools in the province – elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

Thank you for your consideration on this serious matter.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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