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The Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa (APUO) asks the Government of Canada to urgently assist in securing the immediate safety and release of Canadians Tarek Loubani, MD, and John Greyson, filmmaker, who were arrested in Egypt on August 16th. The APUO represents more than 1250 professors and academic librarians at the University of Ottawa, Canada. We join the growing chorus of voices from the Canadian and international academic and artistic community expressing deep concern for the unjustified detention of these two colleagues.

Dr. Loubani is an emergency physician at the University of Western Ontario (UWO) and a member of Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care. John Greyson is an award-winning filmmaker and a tenured professor at York University. Both were on their way to Gaza when the Egyptian authorities detained them without just cause. We are gravely concerned for their welfare, and applaud the efforts of the Government of Canada thus far to work towards immediate release of our colleagues and to guarantee their safety in the interim.

We remain attentive to this issue and look forward to the return of our esteemed colleagues to Canada so that they can continue their important humanitarian work.

Yours sincerely,



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