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## Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

**<https://ccrjustice.org/home/get-involved/tools-resources/factsheets-and-faqs/factsheet-maher-arar-and-extraordinary>**

## Policy Issue Resources

In 2002, Maher Arar, a Canadian citizen, was detained at a U.S. airport on his way home from a family trip. He was interrogated by U.S. officials about alleged links to al-Qaeda and was repeatedly denied the right to contact his family or a lawyer. He was then sent against his will to Syria, a country renowned for torture. Mr. Arar was interrogated, tortured and held in a grave-like underground cell in Syria during most of his year-long detention. No country, including the U.S., has ever charged him with any crime.

Please download our factsheet for more information about Maher Arar and CCR's case on his behalf, *Arar v. Ashcroft*.

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