

# **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)**

## **Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists**

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### **Public Facing Advocacy Writing**

(NEW YORK, N.Y., 11/6/2007) &ndash; The New York chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-NY) today urged the Muslim American community and all people of conscience to support torture victim Maher Arar and stand against the practice of rendition under the guise of national security.

Arar, a Canadian citizen who entered the United States at JFK Airport in 2002, filed suit in U.S. courts claiming that Attorney General John Ashcroft and other officials violated his right to be free from torture and arbitrary detention and his right to an attorney.

SEE: [Arar: This is What They Did to Me](#)

In 2006, a federal judge dismissed his case. Arar has appealed that decision.

**ACTION ALERT:** Support Maher Arar by Attending the Oral Argument in Arar v. Ashcroft.

**WHAT:** Oral Arguments in Arar v. Ashcroft

**WHEN:** Friday, November 9, 2007, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** U.S. Court of Appeals, 500 Pearl Street, New York, N.Y., Ceremonial Courtroom (9th Floor)

CAIR, Americas largest Islamic civil liberties group, has 33 offices and chapters nationwide and in Canada. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

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