



Immigration and
Refugee Board of Canada

Commission de l'immigration
et du statut de réfugié du Canada

Client I.D. Number

1130880294

Claimant's first name(s) and family name(s)

Mahmoud Ali Zeid Mohammed

PROTECTED WHEN COMPLETED

RPD file number (for IRB office use)

Basis of Claim Form

(for persons claiming refugee protection in Canada)

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THIS FORM.

- If you are making your claim at an immigration office inside Canada, complete this form and bring the completed form and one copy with you to give to the Officer who will decide if your claim is eligible.
- If you made your claim on arrival at a port of entry into Canada, complete this form and provide the completed form and one copy to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). You must make sure that the IRB receives the completed form not later than 15 calendar days after the day that the Officer refers your claim to the Refugee Protection Division.
- Make sure that you make a copy of the completed form for yourself.

If the Officer or the IRB, as the case may be, has not received your completed Basis of Claim Form (BOC Form) by the dates mentioned above, the IRB will have a special hearing and may decide to declare your claim abandoned which means you would not be allowed to continue with your claim.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COUNSEL AND DOCUMENTS THAT MAY SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM

You have a right to be represented by counsel at your own expense, but the counsel you choose must be available on the date fixed for the hearing.

You are responsible for obtaining and providing to the IRB any documents that may support your claim. Please see the appendix at the end of this form for details on providing documents to the IRB.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

IMPORTANT: You can find instructions to help you complete your BOC Form both in the appendix at the end of this form and in the *Claimant's Guide* in your *Claimant's Kit*. Please read these instructions carefully. Before giving your original BOC Form to the IRB, **remove the appendix**. If you have written additional information on other sheets of paper, please provide those sheets of paper with your BOC Form.

PLEASE COMPLETE LEGIBLY. Print or type the details about your claim in the spaces provided below. If you need more space, use additional sheets of paper the same size as this form. On each additional sheet, write your name and Client I.D. Number (and IRB file number, if known) in the top right-hand corner, and write the page number at the bottom. Also, indicate which question you are answering on the additional sheet, and number the lines.

WARNING: It is a serious offence to provide false or misleading information. Your claim may also be rejected - and any favourable decision, if already given, revoked, if you give information that is not true or is misleading, or if you try to hide important information.

Date Stamp (for IRB office use)

WHO YOU ARE

1a) Given or first name(s)	1b) Family or last name(s) / surname(s)	1c) Date of birth (year/month/day)
	Mahmoud Ali Zeid Mohammed	1991-04-05

1d) Indicate what sex is identified on your passport

☒ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other _____

If you do not identify with the sex/gender on your passport, you may self-identify your sex/gender: _____

1e) Nationality, ethnic and racial group or tribe	1f) Religion and denomination or sect
Egypt	Islam, Sunni

1g) List all languages and dialects you speak

Arabic, English

WHY YOU ARE CLAIMING REFUGEE PROTECTION

When you answer the questions in this section, please explain everything in order, starting with the oldest information and ending with the newest. INCLUDE EVERYTHING THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CLAIM. INCLUDE DATES, NAMES AND PLACES WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

If the information one of your accompanying family members wrote in this part of their BOC Form applies to you, you do not need to repeat that information here. Simply write the name and file number of the family member and explain that your refugee protection claim is based on the same information.

Attach two copies of any documents you have to support your claim, such as travel documents (including your passport) and identity, medical, psychological or police documents. Include certified translations in English or French for all documents in a language other than English or French. You must pay for these translations yourself. If you get more travel or identity documents after submitting your BOC Form, give two copies to the IRB **without delay**. A copy of any other document in support of your claim that you get after submitting your BOC Form must be received by the IRB and by the Minister, if the Minister is a party, **at least 10 days** before your hearing. Please read the appendix at the end of this form for details on providing documents to the IRB.

2(a) Have you or your family ever been harmed, mistreated or threatened by any person or group?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "YES" explain in detail:

What happened to you and your family.
 When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred;
 Who do you think caused the harm or mistreatment or threats;
 What do you think was the reason for the harm or mistreatment or threats that occurred;
 Whether persons in situations similar to yours experienced such harm, mistreatment or threats.

(Indicate dates, names and places, wherever possible.)

1. Kindly refer to the attached comprehensive statement for details.

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2(b) If you returned to your country, do you believe you would be harmed, mistreated or threatened by any person or group?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "YES" explain in detail:

What would happen to you?

Who would harm, mistreat or threaten you?

What do you think is the reason you would be harmed, mistreated or threatened?

(Indicate dates, names and places, wherever possible.)

1. Kindly refer to the attached comprehensive statement for details.

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2(c) Did you ask any authorities such as the police, or any other organization, in your country to protect or assist you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "NO" explain in detail why not.**If "YES" explain in detail:**

Whom you approached for help;

What steps you took; and

What happened as a result.

(Indicate dates, names and places, wherever possible.)

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2(d) Did you move to another part of your country to seek safety?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "NO" explain in detail why not:

If "YES" explain in detail:

Why you left the place that you moved to; and

Why you could not live there, or some other place in another part of your country, today.

1. Kindly refer to the attached comprehensive statement for details.

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2(e) When did you leave your country? (Provide dates)

2023/08/09

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2(f) Why did you leave at that time and not sooner, or at a later time?

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2(g) Did you move to another country (other than Canada) to seek safety?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "YES" explain in detail:

Name of country;

When you moved to that country;

How long you stayed there;

Whether you claimed refugee protection in that country and, if not, why not.

1. Kindly refer to the attached comprehensive statement for details.

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2(h) Give any other details that you think are important for your claim for refugee protection.

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2(i) Are children who are less than 18 years old claiming refugee protection with you?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "YES", check the correct box below and answer the question(s) that follow:

☐ You are the child's parent and the other parent is in Canada.

☐ You are not the child's parent:

If you are not the child's parent, do you have any legal documents or written consent allowing you to take care of the child or travel with the child?

If yes, what document(s) do you have? If not, why not?

N/A

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☐ You are the child's parent but the other parent is not in Canada:

If you are the child's parent but the other parent is not in Canada, do you have any legal documents or written consent allowing you to take care of the child or travel with the child? If yes, what document(s) do you have? If not, why not?

N/A

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2(j) If a child, six years old or younger, is claiming refugee protection with you, explain in detail why you believe the child would be at risk of being harmed, mistreated or threatened if returned to their country. (Include only information that is specific to the child's situation and is different from the information you gave to support your claim.)

N/A

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COUNTRIES WHERE YOU ARE AT RISK OF SERIOUS HARM**3. List the country or countries where you believe you are at risk of serious harm.**

(a) Egypt (c) _____

(b) _____ (d) _____

YOUR CITIZENSHIP**4. List each country of which you are or have been a citizen.**

Country	Present status	How citizenship was acquired (e.g. by birth, by marriage, etc)	Date citizenship was acquired (year/month/day)
(a) Egypt	Citizen	By Birth	1991-04-05
(b)			
(c)			
(d)			
(e)			
(f)			

YOUR FAMILY**5. List your relatives, living or dead, in the order below. Use an additional sheet if you need more space.**

- i. Your spouse(s), or your common-law partner, including your same-sex partner
 ii. Your children, including children born outside of marriage and adopted children
 iii. Your parents
 iv. Your brothers and sisters, including half-brothers and half-sisters

Family or last name(s) / surname(s)	Given or first name(s)	Relationship (e.g. mother, son)	Date of birth ¹	Citizenship(s)	Place and country where they live ²
(a) Ali Zeid Mohammed		Father	1935/01/01	Egypt	Asyut, Egypt
(b) Badriya Abdullwadood		Mother	1954/01/13	Egypt	Asyut, Egypt
(c) Mohammed Ali Mohammed		Brother	1989/10/05	Egypt	Al Farwaniyah, Kuwait
(d) Nadi Ali Mohammed		Brother	1962/10/06	Egypt	Aysut, Egypt
(e) Radwan Ali Mohammed		Brother	1971/07/01	Egypt	Jabriya, Kuwait
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¹ If you do not know the date, give the person's approximate age (___ years)² If person is dead, give the date of death (year/month/day)

PREVIOUS PROTECTION CLAIMS

6. If you or any of your relatives listed in the question above, have claimed refugee protection or asylum in Canada or in any other country [including at a Canadian office in another country or from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)], provide details here.

Family or last name(s) / surname(s)	Given or first name(s)	Relationship (e.g. mother, son)	Date of claim	Country or UNHCR	Result ¹	IRB file no. and CIC ² client ID no.
(a) N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A
(b)						
(c)						
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¹ For example: accepted, rejected, not completed

² Citizenship and Immigration Canada

VISA APPLICATIONS TO CANADA

7(a) Did you apply for a visa to enter Canada?	7(b) If "YES", date of the application (year/month/day)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	2022-09-07
7(c) At which Canadian office?	7(d) Was the application accepted?
Kuwait	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7(e) Type of Canadian visa applied for	
<input type="checkbox"/> Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
7(f) Date visa was issued (year/month/day) and duration	7(g) Date visa application was refused (year/month/day)
2023-04-27	
7(h) Reason for visa refusal	

WHERE YOU CAN BE CONTACTED IN CANADA

8(a) Street number and name		8(b) Room, floor or apartment number	
1033-Pape Ave		5	
8(c) City	8(d) Province	8(e) Postal Code	8(f) Telephone number, including area code
Toronto	Ontario	M4K 3W1	416-800-2927

IF YOU MOVE, YOU MUST GIVE THE IRB YOUR NEW ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY. Please use the notification of client contact information form in your Claimant's Kit.

YOUR COUNSEL

9(a)	Do you have counsel (for example, a lawyer, immigration consultant, family member or other person who will be helping you with your refugee protection claim before the Refugee Protection Division)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "YES", did your counsel help you to complete this Basis of Claim Form? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No will your counsel be representing you at your refugee protection hearing? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
9(b)	Name of your counsel Ali Tabrez		
9(c)	Address 5-1033 Pape Ave		
9(d)	City Toronto	9(e)	Province Ontario
		9(f)	Postal Code M4K 3W1
9(g)	Telephone number, including area code 416-800-2927	9(h)	Fax number, including area code 289-812-5969
		9(i)	Email address ali@atworldimmigration.com
9(j)	Check one:		
9(k)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer (or notary if practising in Quebec) Province: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member of Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council		Membership identification number R706275
9(l)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family member <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Relationship
<p>The <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i> makes it an offence for any person not authorized under the Act to knowingly, directly or indirectly, represent or advise a person for consideration – or offer to do so – in connection with a proceeding or application under that Act. (Consideration includes money, or any other form of compensation or reward.)</p>			
<p>If you get counsel or if you change counsel in the future, you must inform the IRB immediately. Please use the special form in your Claimant's Kit.</p>			

LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETER

10(a)	Language you would like the IRB to use with you (for example, during your hearing and in documents) Canada has two official languages: English and French. Please choose the official language you would like the IRB to use with you: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French		
10(b)	Interpreter for your language or dialect If you do not understand English or French, we will provide an interpreter for you at your hearing. Please write the language and dialect you want to use. If you do not need an interpreter, write "N/A" (not applicable). <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> N/A <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">Language</div> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> N/A <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">Dialect</div> </div> </div>		
<p>If you want to change the language of your hearing [Question 10(a) above] or the language or dialect of interpretation [Question 10(b) above], you must inform the IRB in writing at least 10 days before your hearing. Please see the Claimant's Guide for more information.</p>			

NARRATIVE - MAHMOUD ALI ZEID MOHAMMED

1 My name is Mahmoud Ali Zeid Mohammed. I am a citizen of Egypt. I am filing refugee claim in
2 Canada because my life is in danger in my home country and that I do not have any other way of
3 saving my life. I will try to explain my situation here as much as possible for me and more
4 information can be provided during the hearing.

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6 The problem began in the 1989 when a dispute arose between my family (my tribe) Tawaiya with
7 one of the tribes Askalaniya-Bahar ElBalad in the town of Mair in which we lived. It was a dispute
8 between my grandfather and Shihata Askalany. My now deceased grandfather at that time was
9 accused of murdering Shihata Askalany who was the leader of the tribe at that time. In that
10 community, rationality and scientific perspectives, let alone a civilized approach to resolving
11 disputes peacefully, are largely absent. In Upper Egypt, the predominant values are personal
12 dignity and battles over honor.

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14 The dispute led to the killing of a leading member of the other tribe Askalaniya-Bahar ElBalad,
15 and fear and anticipation began to pervade the town and neighboring areas, where the disputes
16 in Upper Egypt are more like civil wars - and they are - as the police cannot interfere in the matter.
17 Martial law, customs and traditions are governed. Weapons of all kinds are freely used. Members
18 of the rival tribe routinely carry weapons, ever vigilant for a chance to encounter someone from
19 my family or tribe, with the intent of exacting revenge. These practices remain deeply ingrained
20 in the customs and traditions of the area, and have shown no signs of changing thus far.

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22 After several years in of this dispute, cross firing and a long cycle of harm, an agreement was
23 reached in 2012 with the other tribe to reconcile, bring the murderer to trial, and pay the blood
24 money to them. Under the terms of the reconciliation agreement, one of my uncles,
25 Abdulrahman Zeid, willingly accepted blame for the retaliatory act and was subsequently
26 sentenced to 25 years in prison without any contestation. A settlement after many years of
27 violence.

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29 In our culture, some people find it impossible to let go, even when efforts are made to forget and
30 move on. This mindset often stems from a lack of education and a cultural valorization of violence
31 and killing. In our society, acts of violence are often seen as more honorable than peaceful
32 resolutions. Sedition and continuous incitement set fire to the hearts of the dead man's sons,
33 which prompted them to break the peace bond and their insistence on taking revenge even after
34 the sacrifice of my uncle.

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36 The situation escalated once again, creating a war-like atmosphere in 2015 and for the
37 subsequent years. During this time, various incidents occurred where members of my family and
38 extended family were harmed. Despite not having formal education from schools or universities,
39 my father is a man of wisdom who has always understood that violence and killing are not the
40 solutions to resolving conflicts. He has imparted this wisdom to us through education and made
41 the conscious decision to keep himself and our family away from such volatile situations from his
42 younger days onward. He relocated from the town in search of a more peaceful existence a very

long time ago. My siblings and I have never been involved in these tribal matters; in fact, we haven't even met many of our uncles and cousins. Our father made a deliberate choice to keep us separate from them throughout our lives due to their unenlightened attitudes.

Things would escalate dramatically every now and then; my father started sending his children overseas. I saw no safety for myself either, so I moved to Kuwait too with the help of my family.

Amidst a backdrop of long-standing violence and a quest for greater influence, members of their family aligned themselves with HASAM (Harakat Sawa'd Misr), ascending to local leadership positions. This newfound power enabled them to carry out the murder of three members of our tribe in just two years. Fearing for their lives, people from our tribe fled the area, but this only led to them being pursued and, in some cases, killed. My immediate family was too located and targeted for harm.

Unfortunately, the logic of revenge doesn't discriminate between those who are involved and those who are not. It's more a matter of keeping score in a deadly tally of killings. My immediate family, who chose to live away from the tribal area and abstain from carrying weapons or participating in violence, became easy targets in this perilous environment.

With the deterring situation after their partnership with HASAM, my father had hired a licensed armed guard from a security agency for his safety. When I was back in Egypt for a visit on that fateful date—29-04-2022—our rival tribe chose to attack my family's home. In the firefight that followed by our guards, a young guy from their tribe, Amir, got injured. Suddenly, their entire focus shifted to us, specifically me. Because I was the only son in country and immediately after the incident, I was the one supporting my elderly father, and that I had also tried to take legal action against them. As an educated individual with some valuable connections, I've done my utmost to ensure the safety and justice for both me and my family, thanks to friends who have pledged their assistance. I was hoping this would either punish them or at least deter them from targeting our household.

The threats started coming directly to me—texts, anonymous phone calls, and even a video where masked men made a throat-slitting gesture while pointing at my photo. I was on edge, every minute of every day.

On the evening of 14 May 2022, I was driving back from a meeting with a lawyer who had offered to help me, when I was rear-ended by a truck which had HASAM's flags posted. I looked back and saw armed men stepping out. Relying on adrenaline and instinct, I sped off towards the local police station, narrowly dodging bullets along the way. I filed a report, but the police weren't much help; they're reluctant to get involved in matters which are directly related to HASAM.

That night, it hit me—I was fighting a losing battle. I was up against an organized, well-armed tribe, in a place where the legal system was practically impotent against the pull of extremists, tribal loyalties and the desire for revenge.

87 So, I made the tough decision of my life to leave my family behind and flew back on next available
88 flight to Kuwait.

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90 Following my departure, they continued to visit the family home at regular intervals, discharging
91 firearms as a tactic to intimidate the women and elderly. This recurrent behavior was a part of
92 their strategy to emotionally force me into returning to Egypt to fulfill their objectives. My family
93 relayed to me numerous written threats directed specifically at me, some of which originated
94 from members of our rival tribe and others from the leadership of HASAM. These
95 correspondences underscored their enhanced capabilities and deep collaboration with HASAM.
96 Their attention has now been squarely directed at me, creating an environment where it has
97 become exceedingly difficult for me to live safely in Egypt. This situation presents a significant
98 and immediate threat to my well-being and life.

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100 Unfortunately, meanwhile my employment situation in Kuwait became precarious, putting my
101 visa status at risk and potentially forcing my return to Egypt. Due to the company's declining
102 financial condition, salaries were delayed for two months. This unstable environment ultimately
103 led me to utilize my Canadian visa and travel here to seek asylum.

YOUR DECLARATION AS A CLAIMANT

11. If you **DID NOT** require the assistance of an interpreter to complete this form, you must complete **DECLARATION A**.

If you **DID** require the assistance of an interpreter to complete this form, you must complete **DECLARATION B**. **Make sure that all the questions and answers and instructions in the form, including this one, are interpreted to you before you sign DECLARATION B.**

DECLARATION A

I declare that the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct. I declare that I am able to read English and that I have fully read and fully understood the entire content of this form and all attached documents. My declaration has the same force and effect as if made under oath.



Your signature

2023-09-15

Date (year/month/day)

DECLARATION B

I declare that the entire content of this form and all attached documents have been interpreted to me. I declare that the information I have provided in this form is complete, true and correct. My declaration has the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Your signature

Date (year/month/day)

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INTERPRETER'S DECLARATION

12. I, (print full name clearly) _____, hereby declare that I have accurately interpreted the

entire content of this form and all attached documents for the claimant from the English language to the _____

language (state dialect, if any). I am proficient in both of these languages (and dialect, if any) and was able to communicate effectively with the claimant. **The claimant has assured me that he/she understood the entire content of this form and all attached documents and the answers provided, as interpreted by me.**

Interpreter's signature

Date (year/month/day)