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Lawyers For Secure Immigration calls for immediate temporary suspension of the Gaza Program

The Hamas celebration over the bodies of a four-year-old child and a nine-month-old baby, and what was reportedly the body of their mother, (Shiri Bibas) is a reminder of why Canada has in place a system for security and background checks for people coming to Canada.

Demonstrations in Toronto in support of the Hamas and their objectives continue. Chanting hatred and celebrating the murder of children is unacceptable in our society.

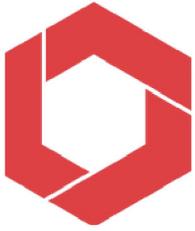
Canadians presume that the Government of Canada will take appropriate steps to ensure that Hamas supporters from outside Canada are not eligible to reach Canadian soil and become Hamas supporters inside Canada.

Canada's special immigration measures program for Gaza must be suspended temporarily until Canada can adequately ensure that vigorous security and background checks have been passed for all applicants. Canadians expect that when inviting people from populations that are governed by a designated terrorist organization, that extraordinary care is employed to screen such applicants.

Canada has designated Hamas as a terrorist organization. Canadians deserve better protection than they are receiving. We need heavier immigration controls, not lighter immigration controls. We ask Canada to immediately suspend the processing and intake of all applications under the Gaza immigration program until this is done. Canada cannot afford to admit anyone who supports radical ideology that will destabilize the peaceful lives of Canadians.

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