

Open Letter to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Irwin Cotler

September 12, 2005

The Honourable Irwin Cotler

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Mr. Cotler:

It has come to our attention that Retired Israeli Colonel Zeev Raz, who led the illegal Israeli aggression against Iraq in 1981 and destroyed the Osirak nuclear reactor, will be in Vancouver to speak at Temple Shalom on September 17, 2005.

Canada and the UN condemned this terrorist raid that endangered the lives of the Iraqi civilian population and encroached on the sovereignty of a UN member state.

We demand that you immediately ask the Canadian courts to issue an arrest warrant against this war criminal, who is being brought to Vancouver to publicly brag about his illegal exploits.

If Canada truly upholds international law and behaves in an even-handed manner, Colonel Raz should be held accountable for his and his government's illegal actions.

If Canada does not take action immediately, it will show the world that Canada practices hypocrisy and the worst kind of double standards. It will also clearly demonstrate the total pro-Israel bias of your government and its disregard for the human rights and the sanctity of human life in the Arab world.

Waiting for your prompt action,

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cc The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister

The Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Other Parliamentarians