The Toronto 17, already found guilty of terrorism by the amnesty lawyers. The Muslim smokescreen of the government of Canada and the mainstream media, represent something important for working, poor and oppressed people in Canada. The storm troopers of the liberal and right wing of the Canadian Parliament are interesting enough to focus on. The window of the arrest of the June 6th of all Muslims in Canada is frightening. Terrorism or state terrorism frame-up?

One week into the saga of the arrest of the Toronto 17 still no charges have been released. The “allegations” that this arrest of the Toronto 17 bound up in a “terrorist plot” have not been elaborated beyond mention. The synopses of the prosecution’s case that was presented at the June 6th court appearance was still nothing but a collection of imaginary political allegations. The arrests come as a result of a two-year investigation group of 17 cases were put down as a “terrorist plot” the crown prosecution would have been certain to include some pique in this evidence in the synopses documents presented at the first appearance of the Toronto 17 in court on June 6th that was not fact presented. Instead, a mere 8 page summary of the case was presented to the defense lawyers. The desperation of the prosecution’s team in trying to dig up whatever evidence was evident in the ludicrous allegations that have been found in these 8 pages. These allegations have been elaborated and developed into actual “plots” and have been presented to court evidence as loose talk, personal operation of the police and government that all lack of evidence presented against the Toronto 17 has not stopped the government or media from convicting from the 17 in the court of public opinion on a mere terrorist plot launching an unprecedented fear mongering campaign. The lack of evidence has not stopped the courts and prisons from violating every civil, democratic, human, and legal right of the Toronto 17 – keeping them in solitary confinement, denying them all (including the 5 minors arrested) access to their lawyers, families, and each other. “Rule of Law” and indeed the lack of evidence against the Toronto 17 has certainly not stopped the government from using new and menacing legal ruling class from taking the opportunity to ratchet up the Muslim hostility, and paranoia in the media and amongst “average Canadians.”

Here we find the truth. The guilt or innocence of the Toronto 17 is not important a Canadian war drive is concerned. The motivation for these arrests at this particular time has nothing to do with the alleged actions or “plots” of the Toronto 17. The arrests have everything to do with covering up the government’s involvement in Afghanistan, dividing Muslim and non-Muslim oppressed and their allies in Canada, and pouring the foundation for a new round of attacks on the rights of immigrants, refugees, and all working and poor people in Canada. Fear of ‘terrorists’ – Support for war

Since the May 17th vote in parliament to extend Canada’s combat mission in Southern Afghanistan until 2009 opinion polls have found a steady decline in support to Canada’s occupation of Afghanistan. And just two days after the arrests, and buried beneath the Islamophobic media storm, was the truth that the occupation forces in Southern Afghanistan forces under Canada’s

One year later the enactment of this racist and militaristic campaign shows up the voices of people across Canada on war and occupation. Many of us have been fooled. Many do not see the reference to the Canadian war drive, the Canadian war rights – because we have been fooled. We do not see the link to the democratic rights of all Muslims to express their opposition to this government war drive as an attack on “our” rights – because we have been fooled. This is the fear of the racist and Islamophobic government and war mongers; they are dividing and working along the lines of race and petition has been incredibly powerful. The attempt of the government of their country through 80% poverty, a life expectancy dropped by 4.5 years, and increasing aggressiveness in human rights. Women in Afghanistan now struggle to hold on to the possibilities of human rights. Her face also face a bleak situation. Afghanistan now has the worst education system in the world, with a literacy rate of less than 30%. Most young people do have the option of going to school, as they are forced to work and to take care of basic survival needs before considering education. All Afghan people have seen of the promised “reconstruction” is the building of hotels and shopping malls that remain inaccessible to them.

In order to protect its’ interests, Canada’s elite and the government of Canada must continue their war drive in Afghanistan and much more. In order to protect the interests of poor, working, and oppressed people around the world as we people in Canada must continue this war drive. Over 10,000 people have voiced their desire to fight for the occupation in the Lower Mainland alone through signing MAWO’s petition. Across Canada, millions more are against this occupation.

As the Canadian war drive continues in Afghanistan continues to expand (Canada OUT OF Afghanistan NOW! At the same time, there must also have an opportunity to discuss what the occupation of Afghanistan means for people in Afghanistan, and all to the struggling people in Canada. For this reason we ask you to sign an Independent Public Inquiries into the Canadian War Drive in Afghanistan, so that we can add tens of thousands of voices and the demand of Canada out of Afghanistan! and to an end of the suffering that costing the lives of thousands in Afghanistan.

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The recent arrests of 17 Muslim men in Ontario on allegations of terrorism are only the latest in a series of attacks against Muslims in Canada. As Muslims, as students, as workers, and as oppressed people.

In 1914, the Japanese steamship Komagata Maru reached Vancouver with an unprecedented direct route from India – in accordance with the “Continental Passenger Act”. In violation of their own racist immigration laws, the government of Canada did not allow the ship to dock and unloaded its passengers. For two months the Komagata Maru was stuck in Victoria Harbour – until it was burned back, forced to return to Hong Kong.

One hundred years later, the racist policies of Canadian Immigration have changed only in way. Anti-immigrant and refugee legislation specifically targets the 750,000 Muslims living in Canada today.

10:01: Open season on the rights of Muslims

A new series of immigration and legislative passed by the government of Canada play a large part in this anti-Muslim agenda.

The Safe Third Country Agreement that came into effect in 2004 declares that no refugee who makes claim in Canada can first pass through the United States. And the rights of refugees. This has made the process for refugees coming to Canada longer and more difficult.

Along the same lines, passed in June 2002, the Immigrant and Refugee Protection Act does nothing for the rights and dignity of immigrants and refugees. For the rather makes it easier for the Government of Canada to arrest and deport refugee claimants from Canada. Under this legislation, “Operation Thread”, which consisted of the arrest of 23 Muslims on “security” grounds, has started. The flimsy evidence soon fell through and all men were set free with the stigma of being labeled terrorists, only to be deported to Pakistan.

Also encompassed within this act are the right to Community Certificates, by which Muslim men can be arrested and held in jails without their lawyers ever being shown the charges or evidence against them. Some of these men have gone on hunger strikes for as long as 80 days that have brought them minimal and basic
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Religious freedom is also one of our most fundamental human rights. This divisive campaign pops and explodes in attacks of race hatred and Islamophobia like the June 4th vandalism of a Toronto mosque.

In the very moment of the racist and Islamophobic heat wave, the deputy director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS)’s pronouncement was released that about 90 percent of immigrant applications from Pakistan and Afghanistan in the past five years have not been sufficiently screened for “security concerns.” This lesson is, of course, that more restrictions are necessary to curb the threat of “terrorism” that comes to Canada with Muslim immigrants. Restrictions like Security Certificates – a Canadian legal clause that allows the arrest and indefinite detention of non-citizens of Canada for suspicion of involvement in “terrorism” without evidence, or charges. Coincidentally, the constitutionality of Security Certificates are set to go before the Supreme Court on Monday June 12th – just over one week after the arrest of the 17.

No to Anti-Muslim Fear Mongering! Defend the Toronto 17!

Under government driven racist and Islamophobic hysteria, the Toronto 17 do not only have the chance of living anywhere in Canada. For working, poor and oppressed people in Canada, the real threat to our “security” does not come from oppressed people – Muslim or otherwise. The clear and present danger to our security, our civil liberties and democratic and human rights comes from a government that is using the frame up of the Toronto 17 for their war drive in Afghanistan, and their assaults on the rights of working and oppressed people in Canada.

Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO) calls on all organizations and people committed to the cause of peace to stand against the government of Canada’s war drive, and against this racist, anti-Muslim arrest of the Toronto 17. We must stand in defense of the democratic, human, and civil rights of Muslims and all oppressed people in Canada. In the case of the Toronto 17, these rights are what really stand trial.

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As the Government of Canada increases its role in the occupation of Afghanistan, divisions between Muslims and non-Muslims in Canada will only be more important for the interests of the Canadian war mongers. For working, poor and oppressed people in Canada, the opposite is true. We must demand equal democratic and civil, and human rights for Muslims and all working people in Canada – against anti-Muslim racism, Islamophobia, and the so-called “war on terrorism.”

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