

Commission for Public Complaints Against the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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August 06, 2014

File No. PC-2014-2339

Mr. Andrew Abbass

Corner Brook, NL A2H 5N4

Dear Mr. Abbass:

Please find enclosed a copy of your public complaint. A copy has also been sent to the RCMP and, as specified in the RCMP Act, an RCMP public complaint investigator will be appointed to investigate your complaint.

The RCMP will notify you within 45 days that they have received your complaint, and then continue to send monthly updates thereafter until their investigation has been concluded.

During the course of the investigation, you will be asked by the investigator to provide a statement. You may also be asked by the investigator to consider an informal resolution to your complaint. Please note that an informal resolution requires your consent, as well as the consent of each subject member, and that if you agree to informal resolution there will be no further investigation as the matter is deemed to have been resolved. If you have any questions about that process, do not hesitate to contact the Commission prior to providing your consent.

In the absence of an informal resolution, the RCMP will proceed with their investigation and, at the conclusion of that investigation, provide you with a letter of disposition (LOD). The LOD will summarize your complaint, describe the RCMP's investigation, and advise you of the RCMP's conclusions. As well, the LOD will include any action the RCMP will take as a result of your complaint. It is important to note that receipt of the LOD also means the RCMP has ended their investigation of your public complaint.

If you are dissatisfied with the contents of the LOD, you may request a review by the Commission. The details on how to make that request will be included in the last paragraph of the LOD. Please note that a review cannot be done until the LOD has been issued.

If you require any further information, you may contact the Commission at www.cpc-cdp.gc.ca, by telephone at 1-800-665-6878, by fax at 604-501-4095, or by mail at BOX 88689 Surrey, BC V3W 0X1.

Sincerely,

Eric Petit

For: Enquiries and Complaints Analyst

EP:BM

Enclosures - 9 pages

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FORMAL COMPLAINT – PLAINTE OFFICIELLE

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| NAME / NOM : | Andrew Abbass |
| CPC FILE NO. / N° DE DOSSIER DE LA CPP : | 2014-2339 |
| CPC CROSS REF. NO. / N° DE RENVOI DE LA CPP : | |

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| COMPLAINT DATE / DATE DE LA PLAINTE : DAY / JOUR MONTH / MOIS YEAR / ANNÉE 05 August 2014 | COMPLAINT MADE / PLAINTE DÉPOSÉE : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY TELEPHONE / PAR TÉLÉPHONE <input type="checkbox"/> BY LETTER OR FAX / PAR COURRIER OU PAR TÉLÉCOPIEUR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BY EMAIL / PAR COURRIEL <input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON / EN PERSONNE | ATTACHMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS / LES PIÈCES JOINTES SONT IDENTIFIÉES COMME SUIT : Received, by email, on August 5, 2014: 1. A three-page complaint form. 2. An email with a four-page attachment. |
| PREPARED BY COMPLAINTS ANALYST / PRÉPARÉ PAR L'ANALYSTE DES PLAINTES : Eric Petit | | |

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| DATE COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO RCMP / DATE D'ACHEMINEMENT DE LA PLAINTÉ À LA GRC : DAY / JOUR MONTH / MOIS YEAR / ANNÉE 06 August 2014 | DIVISION : B DETACHMENT / DÉTACHEMENT : St John's Det |
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THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT ARE AS FOLLOWS / LES ALLÉGATIONS D'INCONDUITE SONT LES SUIVANTES :

Mr. Abbass is complaining about the conduct of Staff Sergeant Freeborn, of the St. John's RCMP Detachment, following an incident on August 1, 2014, in that the member:

1. Failed to conduct a thorough and complete investigation into allegations, of criminal misconduct, including, but not limited to, advocating genocide (sec. 318 CCC).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / RENSEIGNEMENTS SUPPLÉMENTAIRES : None

Petit, Eric

From: PCC Complaints
Sent: August-05-14 8:08 AM
To: PCC Complaints
Subject: Online RCMP Complaint from Andrew Abbass

| Complainant Information | |
|---|----------------------|
| Family Name | Abbass |
| Given Name and Initials: | Andrew |
| Date of Birth | [REDACTED] |
| Mailing Address (include Postal Code) | [REDACTED] |
| Physical Address if different from Mailing Address | <unknown> |
| Primary Telephone Number | [REDACTED] |
| Business or Alternate Telephone Number | [REDACTED] |
| Cell Phone Number | [REDACTED] |
| Fax Number | <unknown> |
| Email Address | [REDACTED] |
| Contact for Message | [REDACTED] |
| Name | Andrew Abbass |
| Telephone Number | [REDACTED] |
| Preferred Language of Correspondence | [REDACTED] |
| Were you the person involved in the incident being complained of? | Yes |
| If not, please provide the name and contact information of the person involved. | <unknown> |
| If you were given a file number by RCMP with respect to the incident, please provide it: | RNC file #2014-42168 |

Did you sign a complaint form about this incident with the RCMP?

No

If so, when and where did you sign the complaint?

<unknown>

Did you sign an agreement with the RCMP to resolve this complaint informally?

No

Do you wish the Commission and the RCMP to communicate directly with a legal representative or an advocate instead of yourself?

No

If so, Please provide the full name and contact information of your representative of advocate. (Please note that you will have to agree to the third party authorization below.)

No third party at this time, although one may be available shortly.

Third Party Authorization

Circumstances of complaint

Date of Incident

01/08/2014

Time of Incident

10:00AM

City and Province/Territory of Incident

Corner Brook

Describe any injuries suffered:

The only injury was to the law.

If photos were taken of any injuries, who took the photos?

None

If there was medical treatment for any injuries, please provide the name of the doctor and medical facility?

None

Describe any evidence to support your complaint:

A video produced by the Conservative Party - - <http://youtu.be/hq8MN0OBEO4> The summary of charges filed - <http://paradigmslip.ca/Charges.pdf> Petition of Canadian and Global citizen requesting justice in this matter - <http://www.change.org/en-CA/petitions/intlcrimcourt-arrestharper-for-advocating-genocide>

Details of Complaint

Please describe the incident as completely as possible

Upon reviewing the video 'Through Fire and Water' on the 17th of July, I was deeply offended by the use of military imagery at a time when children had just been publicly massacred on a beach in Gaza. I showed the video to several friends to determine if they felt the same way and then decompiled the video and compiled the charges I presented to the local police (RNC) after communicating my intent to the RCMP in Ottawa. Upon reviewing the video and my breakdown of the psychology used in its production, the RNC agreed to file charges and pass the investigation along to the RCMP. (RNC file number: 2014-42168) On Friday the 25th, the RNC had informed me that the Liaison officer assigned to the case was actually on vacation and was unable to provide any information. It wasn't until the following week that they confirmed the charges had been passed along to Ottawa. On Wednesday I was informed by the RNC that I could expect a call from the Ottawa RCMP that day. They didn't call me on that day, nor the next. Instead, I got a call Friday morning after they'd called my parents in Labrador looking for my number. Staff Sergeant John Freeborn, of the RCMP detachment in St. John's, picked me up Friday morning at Tim Horton's in an unmarked vehicle, then drove me to the RCMP offices to talk. He showed me no badge or identification. Once there, he informed me that the RCMP in Ottawa weren't interested in pursuing the case. That Harper, Baird and the Conservative Party's actions and stances were considered Governing Policy and above the laws being referenced. My response was the Genocide couldn't be considered a Governing Policy and the whole reason the Anti-Hitler Laws (318 of the Criminal Code) were put in place were to prevent these types of abuses of power from occurring. His response was that my best option would be to vote at the next election. At this point I left the building peacefully.

What would you like to achieve through this complaint process?

I would like there to be an investigation into how Advocating Genocide can be considered a governing policy. And how the leaders of a country can be so misled by a single party that they can all become liable for the same crimes. Our Charter of Rights and Freedoms says "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law." It also says: "No person or group is above the law." How can the RCMP insist that the Conservative Party is 'above the law' in this matter if no person or group is above the Law in Canada except God? If this issue is not resolved in a satisfactory manner by an Internal RCMP Investigation, I will insist on a full public inquiry into this matter to resolve this insult to the Law in Canada.

The complaint is about the conduct of the following members. Please provide name, rank and detachment.

Staff Sergeant John Freeborn - St. John's Detachment

Witnesses may include RCMP members you are not complaining about. Please provide witnesses' name, address, telephone numbers and relationship to complainant.

None.

This Complaint Form was completed by

Andrew Abbass

Petit, Eric

From: Andrew Abbass
Sent: August-05-14 8:12 AM
To: PCC Complaints
Subject: #2014-2339 - Supplementary Material
Attachments: Charges.pdf

Hello Eric,

See attached files and links.

I included this information in the complaint form as well, but am just making sure it's all recieved properly.

Video in question: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq8MNOOBEO4>

Summary of Charges: <http://www.paradigmslip.ca/Charges.pdf>

Link to Petition:

<http://www.change.org/en-CA/petitions/intlcrimcourt-arrestharper-for-advocating-genocide>

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

-Andrew Abbass

**REQUEST TO PRESS CHARGES AGAINST STEPHEN HARPER AND JOHN BAIRD
FOR
VIOLATING CANADA'S HATE PROPAGANDA LAWS**

Transcript of video – Through Fire and Water - <http://youtu.be/hq8MN00BEO4>

Harper: *Canada and Israel are the greatest of friends and the most natural of allies.*

Harper: *This friendship between us is rooted in history, nourished by shared values.*

Canada has had a very mixed history with Israel and has never condoned their aggressive military tactics in the same way we've never condoned the tactics of Hamas militants.

1. 1967 – Six Day War. Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson is deeply critical of UN decision to withdraw peacekeepers from the buffer zone in Sinai Peninsula established after the Suez Crisis. In the aftermath of the war, Canada votes in favor of UN Security Council Resolution 242, which calls for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.
2. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau sends Canadian peacekeepers back to the Sinai Peninsula as part of the UN mission there in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War.
3. 1982 – In reaction to the Lebanon War, Prime Minister Trudeau says that he is “dismayed with the escalation of the conflict represented by the massive movement of Israeli forces into Lebanon.”
4. Under Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Canada recalls its ambassador to Israel, David Berger, after it is discovered that Mossad agents have used Canadian passports to enter Jordan and attempt to assassinate a Hamas operative.

<http://opencanada.org/features/the-think-tank/graphic/a-short-history-of-canadian-israeli-relations/>

Baird: *We uphold Israel's right to exist. We uphold its fundamental right, like any member state, to defend innocent civilians against acts of terrorism.*

- Death Toll for Palestine is over 425, unknown percentage of militants
- Death toll for Israel is 1 civilian and 18 soldiers
- Child Death toll is estimated at 25% of Palestinian casualties, 0% of the Israeli casualties
- The total number of civilian casualties has been 200 prior to the 17th and that number doubled days after they began the ground offensive.
- <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2698150/Exodus-40-000-civilians-forced-leave-homes-300-dead-Israel-vows-significantly-widening-ground-offensive-Gaza.html>
- <http://www.the-guardian.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/10971305/israeli-naval-ship-bombs-Palestinian-children-in-Gaza-beach-killing-four.html>
- <http://www.citynews.ca/2014/07/12/canada-backs-israeli-attacks-on-gaza-criticizes-un-official/>
- Member states of the UN are supposed to avoid civilian casualties according to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1674.

Harper: *Canada supports Israel fundamentally because it is right to do so. As a country at the great turning points of history, Canada has consistently chosen often to our great cost to stand with others who oppose injustice and to confront the dark forces of the world.*

- Characterizes opposition as **dark forces**, positioning him on the side of the moral right.
- This is a directed emotional appeal to the morality of the uninformed public.
- He uses his own personal religious opinion to sway public opinion on matters of violence.

Baird: *In our view liberal democracies and international terrorist groups are not equal. They do not deserve equal treatment.*

- Baird typifies Hamas, the democratically elected representatives of the Palestinians in Gaza, as a terrorist group with fewer human rights than their neighbors, the Israelis.
- Creates the impression that Palestinian civilians have less rights than Israeli civilians.
- This is the core of the hate propaganda.

Harper: *It is thus a Canadian tradition to stand for what is principled and just, regardless of whether it is convenient or popular.*

- Uses Canadian reputation as a peacemaker to justify war crimes and genocide.

Baird: *True friends are measured by whether they are there for you when you need them most, whether that support is steadfast even when it's not popular or expedient. And, as we've all seen, regrettably this past week, these are indeed incredibly, incredibly challenging times.*

[Text on screen] *PM Harper urges world leaders to side with Israel. Prime Minister Harper condemns Hamas rocket attacks. Once again, Harper shows his unwavering support for Israel. Harper accuses Hamas of using human shields.*

- Uses headlines of own public political opinions to reinforce the message that his decision to allow Israel to invade is the correct one.

Harper: *Now friends I understand that in the world of diplomacy, with one solitary Jewish state and scores of others, it is all too easy to go along to get along and single out Israel. But such going along to get along is not a balanced approach nor it is nor is it a sophisticated one. It is just, quite simply, weak and wrong.*

- Appeals to use of force to resolve political and religious problems.

Baird: *Just as fascism and communism were the great struggles of previous generations, terrorism is the great struggle of ours. And far too often, the Jewish state, is on the front of our struggle, and it's people are the victims of terror. Canada will not accept or stay silent while the Jewish state is attacked for defending its territory and its citizens.*

- Reinforces that Israel stands against terrorists, not a group they have been at war with for 70 years.

Harper: *And therefore, through fire and water, Canada will stand with you.*

[Text on screen] *Through Fire and Water Canada Will Stand with You*

Through Fire and Water is a reference to biblical verse. **Isaiah 43:1-3.**

¹*But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. ³For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place....*

In quoting this particular reference, Harper is speaking directly to Israel from his own religious beliefs. In this particular context, he proclaiming that is Israel is under Canadian protection in the same manner that they are protected by God. Also, in this particular context, he is speaking as the literal voice of God to Israel.

Summary of Criminal Charges

Breach of Trust by a Public Officer – Part IV, Section 122

- Harper and Baird have lead Canada into supporting the Genocide of the people in Gaza. These actions will create long term international problems for Canadians locally and abroad.

Criminal Breach of Trust – Part IX, Section 336

- Their actions have created division between Jewish and Muslim Canadians which will result in further public disturbance, injury and possibly death.

Creation and Dissemination of Hate Propaganda – Part XIII, Section 318

Promoting Genocide – Part XIII, Section 319

Uttering Threats – Part VIII, Section 264.1

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq8MN0OBEO4>
- Harper and Baird continue to advocate the destruction of Hamas, claiming that the increasing numbers of civilian casualties are the fault of Hamas, which deserves to be eradicated.

Repercussions

Canada's international reputation as a peacemaker has come from prime ministers that have always adhered to the Rule of Law in dealing with international issues and not tried to enforce their own moral and religious beliefs on citizens.

By putting his religious and personal opinion above the rule of law, Stephen Harper has done deep damage our country we are only beginning to see the effects of:

- <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/hundreds-protest-in-toronto-montreal-over-israeli-action-in-gaza/article19683222/>
- Video of fights between Canadian Jews and Muslims at Canadian protests. The fight begins at the 4 minute mark in the video. Incidents like these will become more common unless Canada acts to limit the damage that has been already been done. <http://youtu.be/qi1lqwKFAxA>

These criminal actions and their repercussions have led to inciting violence and hatred in Gaza and the deaths of hundreds of civilians and an estimated 100 children. This will serve to incite more hatred, creating divisions between religions in Canada, inciting more anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, doing irreparable damage to the public peace. It will also create animosity towards Canadians internationally, which could lead to further injury and deaths of Canadian citizens. Jewish and Muslim Canadians have already been injured by these criminal actions. The situation will continue to escalate unless Harper and Baird's actions are shown to be criminal and they are tried for their crimes in the court of law.