



**Independent
Media Arts Alliance**

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The Independent Media Arts Alliance (IMAA) urges the Canadian Government and the Egyptian Embassy to Canada to increase efforts to secure the immediate safety and release of Dr. Tarek Loubani and Professor John Greyson.

The IMAA is a national network of 90 independent film, video, and new media production, distribution, and exhibition organizations in all parts of Canada.

Five days have passed since Tarek Loubani, a Canadian emergency physician and John Greyson, a Canadian filmmaker and professor were arrested by Egyptian authorities. As time passes, the Canadian independent media arts community becomes increasingly anxious about the appalling situation that these men are facing. John Greyson is a respected filmmaker and educator and is very well known to the media arts community as an admirable cultural leader and influential artist. Tarek Loubani is held in the same esteem for his work as a physician to provide volunteer medical care in conflict situations.

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