



May Day March 2009 - Toronto - Eaton Centre.

- **Canadian Intelligence** officer and ex-diplomat Richard Colvin has made headlines when he revealed that “According to our information, the likelihood is that all the Afghans we handed over were tortured” Corvin, who was the political officer at the Canadian-run provincial reconstruction base when Canadian troops began transferring prisoners to Afghan authorities three years ago then continued: “For interrogators in Kandahar, it was standard operating procedure.” Canada is involved in a war of occupation in Afghanistan in some of the last remaining tribal regions in the world. In Canada fun-

damental human rights of the Indigenous peoples are also being abused.

-**No One Is Illegal -Toronto** has released a statement on the detained Tamil Refugees and the Canadian Refugee system which outlines the plight of 76 people from military occupied north and east Sri Lanka arrived off the coast of BC in a ship on Friday, 16 October, claiming refugee status. All but one of the men, ethnically Tamil, are still imprisoned. Days after the refugees arrived in Canadian Waters aboard the ‘Ocean Lady’ Canadian Minister for Citizenship and Immigration, Jason Kenny

claimed that they are coming in through the ‘back door’ in a ‘generous’ system. Kenny then slashed the number of refugees Canada will accept in 2009 by more than 60%. The NOII statement concludes that “People displaced by Canada and its interests are specially part of Canada’s communal responsibility... changes in the Immigration system have emerged without public consultation and must be challenged. This is not only a Tamil issue or a refugee issues. It’s an issue of injustice. Lets all join together to fight it.”

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