



The Canadian Press

Tuesday, December 21, 2004

Boyd Report Pushes Women's Rights in Canada Back 1400 Years

The Canadian Press

Toronto, Canada, Dec.21 /PR Direct/ - - Homa Arjomand, Coordinator of the International Campaign Against Sharia Court in Canada opposes the conclusions of **Boyd's** report because it recommends using faith-based arbitration and encourages the spread of Political Islam in Canada.

"I was surprised that Ms. **Boyd** didn't find any evidence of women suffering from discrimination during faith-based arbitrations", said Ms. Arjomand. "we submitted several reports of abuse and gave testimonies in person to Ms. **Boyd**".

"... as for safeguards recommended by **Boyd**, I believe she had no choice but to accept the fact that faith-based courts put women in danger", said Ms. Arjomand. "The same political forces that encouraged Ms. **Boyd** to define safeguards, will now work to remove family law from the Arbitration Act."

"Our lawyers are studying the decisions of several arbitration cases and will bring them to court and expose how women are victimized by male-dominated legal decisions based on 6th century religion and traditions." said Ms. Arjomand.

"We'll also challenge the use of the Arbitration Act for family law, numerous shortcomings of this Act are detailed in the resolution we filed with the government last month." she said, "and we'll consider a challenge based on the Canadian Charter of Rights."

"Ms. **Boyd** consulted specific community groups and made 46 recommendations which will impact all the citizens of Ontario substantially for generations to come. We therefore appeal to the Government of Ontario to hold a public hearing and give all the people an opportunity to speak on this issue." said Ms. Arjomand

"The Campaign will mobilize a strong force to oppose Sharia Law... and we encourage women who were victimized in a faith-based court to contact us." said Ms. Arjomand.

Homa Arjomand a Toronto based transitional counselor was a human rights activist in Iran until she was forced to flee in 1989.

- END RELEASE - 21/12/2004

/For further information: Media Contact: Ms. Homa Arjomand 416-737-9500 Further Information:
www.nosharia.com Resolution Link: <http://www.stopsharialawincanada.com/2004/11/resolution-0411.html> COMPANY: International Campaign Against Sharia Court in Canada

PROVINCE/STATE: ON

INDUSTRY: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE POLITICS RELIGION SOCIAL

RELEASE ID: 200412200003

Press release distributed by PR Direct 1-866-736-3779

All press releases are written by the client and have NO affiliation with the news copy written by either The Canadian Press or Broadcast News newsrooms. Any questions that arise due to the content or information provided in the press release should be directed to the company/organization issuing the release, not to CP or BN.

Uniform subject(s): Laws and regulations; Human rights and freedoms

Hour of publication: 00:05 EST

Length: Medium, 337 words

© 2004 *The Canadian Press. All rights reserved.*

Doc. : news·20041221·CP·0CP×2P4852

Ce matériel est protégé par les droits d'auteur. Tous droits réservés.

© [2001 CEDROM-SNi](#)