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Canadian Border Services plans deportation of US soldier

Vancouver/CNW - Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) has today told war resister Robin Long they intend to deport him as early as next Monday. This was a shocking revelation to Mr. Long and his counsel. At what was expected to be a routine detention hearing, it was revealed that a negative decision had been issued on his Pre-Removal Risk Assessment in early May; however, it was never communicated to either Long or his lawyer.

Bob Ages of the War Resisters Support Campaign said “This is the closest thing Canada has seen to Extraordinary Rendition since Maher Arar was spirited to Syria. This is a violation of every principle of natural justice.”

The War Resisters Support Campaign is calling on Canadian Minister of Immigration Diane Finley and Prime Minister Stephen Harper to intervene immediately to halt this miscarriage of justice. “The Canadian people in numerous opinion polls and through the June 3rd vote of the majority of Members of Parliament have clearly expressed their support for Canada providing sanctuary for war resisters. We are confident that the outrage over this action will manifest into even stronger demands for sanctuary for all war resisters,” said Ages.

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