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THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
QUESTION PERIOD: QUESTION CONCERNING
THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT'S TREATMENT OF CITIZENS ABROAD
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Hon. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on October 2 the House leader for the official opposition asked the Prime Minister about his government's abandonment of Canadian citizens abroad. He asked which ministers were involved in the Suaad Hagi case, what the role of the Prime Minister was and when he first became aware of the plight of Suaad Hagi. What date exactly did the Prime Minister learn about the case of Suaad Hagi?

Now that he has had the weekend to research his files, will the Prime Minister tell this House truthfully when he knew and what he did with that information?

Supplemental Question

Hon. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister refuses to answer.

When it comes to protecting the rights of Canadians abroad, the cabinet seems to be speechless, if not indifferent. In July, the Minister of Foreign Affairs ceded final responsibility for the Suaad Hagi case to the Minister of Public Safety. This minister promised to make public the results of an inquiry into the abandonment of a citizen for several weeks.

Two months later, still nothing. Why the delay? Is the minister also involved?