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# House of Commons Debates

**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, ATIP documents show that on June 3 consular officials were already back-tracking on their decision to invalidate Suaad Hagi's identity.

Responding to demands from the Kenyan court that someone appear as a witness to back up charges levelled against Suaad, otherwise case closed, reluctant officials fretted, “is this still the CBSA official position”, and “we could open ourselves up for prosecution”.

Why did the Minister of Foreign Affairs insist that his officials continue the prosecution and persecution of Suaad Hagi?

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## **Supplemental Question**

Hon. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the position has changed. Yesterday they said, “oh no, it doesn't reach a political level”. Even though I spoke to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the parliamentary secretary, wrote them both letters and wrote the minister letters, today he calls up an affidavit signed by an individual whose report was already discredited by DNA testing. The minister continues to talk about persecuting a Canadian citizen abroad after she had provided various pieces of information regarding her identity. Why does he insist on making the Canadian government--