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The People's Commission Network Popular Forum: Whose Security? Our Security Countering the National Security Agenda

From February 4 to 6, the People's Commission is hosting a public forum aiming to mobilize our networks in order to collectively respond to the growing threat posed by the national security agenda. The forum will consist of both educational panels and working sessions to coordinate the struggles of different communities targetted by state policies of repression and control in Canada

Over three days, we will address five themes: historical perspectives on national security; the criminalization of dissent and marginalisation of communities; the militarosecurity industrial complex; CSIS Watch, blacklisting and the anti-terrorism act; and immigration security measures. Featuring speakers from across Quebec and Canada, panelists will include Ellen Gabriel, Gary Kinsman, Hassan Almrei, Abousfian Adelrazik and Sophie Lamarche Harkat, among many others.

Founded in 2005, the People's Commission is a Montreal network that monitors and opposes the national security agenda. The network aims to bring together individuals and groups - such as immigrants, racialized communities, indigenous peoples, social justice organizations and labour unions – to share information and experiences, forge alliances, coordinate strategies and work together for justice and dignity.

February 4-6, 2011, Concordia Univeristy, Hall Building, Montreal

Free event. Free food. Childcare available on-site. Simultaneous english-french translation. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Accessibility statement available at: http://www.peoplescommission.org/en/forum/accessibility.php

For the promotional video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0SOI5QYMgw

For the complete program: www.peoplescommission.org/en/forum

Podcast are available in French, English and Spanish: http://www.peoplescommission.org/fr/forum/audio.php

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For more information or to schedule interviews (french, english, spanish, tamil, arabic, turkish and punjabi),

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