

## **Do your Part to Bring Canadian Journalist Amanda Lindhout Home**

Canadian Association of Journalists is launching a campaign, joined by the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE), the Canadian Media Guild (CMG) and PEN Canada, asking the federal government to do everything in its power to bring home Canadian journalist Amanda Lindhout and her Australian colleague Nigel Brennan. The two journalists were kidnapped in Somalia while covering the civil war there, and have been held hostage for ransom for over a year.

**What we're asking:** Amanda, Nigel and their families need your help. They need both the Canadian and Australian governments to make it a priority to secure their release. Add your voice by going to this petition website <http://www.gopetition.com/online/31418.html> and signing a letter on their behalf to register your concern.

### **What you can do:**

- 1) Sign the petition at <http://www.gopetition.com/online/31418.html>.
- 2) Copy the letter and mail or email it directly to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and your local MP.
- 3) Give us feedback. Amanda's family values your support. The CAJ will pass along any information you send us about actions taken in this campaign or responses received. Email us at [maryagneswelch@freepress.mb.ca](mailto:maryagneswelch@freepress.mb.ca).

**Our goal:** To gather signatures from the members of the CAJ, CJFE, CMG and PEN Canada by November 15, 2009. The petition will then be delivered to the office of the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**Please remember: This is about personal action. Media attention could jeopardise the safety of Amanda and Nigel.**

**Thank you very much for taking part in this campaign to bring them home!**

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