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Commission to Resume Hearings into Allegations Regarding Afghan Detainees

OTTAWA, October 2, 2009 – The Chairperson of the Military Police Complaints Commission, Peter A. Tinsley, will call to order the Public Interest Hearings related to complaints about military police conduct in Afghanistan.

The hearings, which were to resume on Monday, October 5th, 2009, have been delayed due to several motions brought by Department of Justice counsel representing the subjects of the complaints. As a result, the hearings have now been delayed until Wednesday, October 7th, 2009.

There are presently eight motions/submissions brought before the Commission. The first motion to be heard is a motion brought by Department of Justice counsel to adjourn the proceedings until October 16th, the expiry of the period for appealing the recent Federal Court decision on the jurisdiction of the Commission. The other seven motions will be heard after a ruling on the adjournment request.

The hearings focus on allegations that certain members of the military police failed to investigate senior officers in the chain of command who had responsibility for directing the transfer of detainees to the Afghan authorities, allegedly in the face of the risk of torture.

Details

- Date:** Wednesday, October 7th, 2009
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (approximate)
Location: Asticou Center
241, Boulevard Cité des Jeunes
Block 2600, Hearing Room #2601
Gatineau, Quebec
Media Availability: Room # 2619 (outside Hearing Room #2601)
(Following conclusion of the daily sessions)
Spokesperson: The Commission Counsel, Freya Kristjanson, will be available, upon request, to answer questions about the Commission or other procedural matters.

This session is open to the media. Videographers and photographers will be permitted to move around the Hearing Room until the Commission Chairperson calls the session to order. Additional information will be provided regarding media coverage at the hearing.

Transcripts of the hearing will be available through the Commission.

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