Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

Alex Neve

Observing the Trial of Omar Khadr at Guantanamo

Date: Wednesday November 24, 2010
Time: 12:00 noon
Place: Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George St., Ottawa
Cost: $30 for luncheon and presentation
      $5 for presentation only
(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45. Coffee and tea will be available.)

Reservations: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 before Friday November 19, 2010

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come. Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations by 9:30 a.m. the day of the luncheon will be billed $30.

The case of Omar Khadr, a Canadian citizen, continues to be a major challenge to the Canadian Government’s policy on security and human rights, internationally and domestically. His recent conviction and sentencing in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are another dramatic chapter in this story.

Alex Neve has recently returned from the US military base in Guantanamo, where he was one of only a few international human rights lawyers allowed to observe the proceedings against Omar Khadr. Now that the legal process before the US Military Commission is complete, Mr. Neve will share his thoughts on the fairness of the proceedings, the issues at stake in the case, and its broader implications for human rights, both in Canada and abroad.

Alex Neve has served as Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada since 2000. He is a lawyer, with a Masters degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex. Alex is on the Board of Directors of Partnership Africa Canada, the Canadian Centre for International Justice and the Centre for Law and Democracy. He has been named an Officer of the Order of Canada and has received an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University of New Brunswick.