



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, October 24, 2022

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:03 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Arnot, Ataullahjan, Gerba, Jaffer, Manning and Omidvar (6).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Ravalia (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Robert Mason and Brendan Naef, analysts, Library of Parliament; Amely Coulombe, Communications Officer, Communications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the committee continued its study of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally. (Topic: Islamophobia in Canada)

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Canadian Council of Muslim Women:*

Nuzhat Jafri, Executive Director.

*Sacred Web:*

Ali Lakhani, Editor.

*Saskatoon Open Door Society:*

Ali Abukar, Chief Executive Officer.

*As individuals:*

Maryam Khan, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University;

Dr. Javeed Sukhera, Chief of Psychiatry, Hartford Hospital;

Fatimah Jackson-Best, Assistant Professor, Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, McMaster University.

Nuzhat Jafri, Maryam Khan and Ali Lakhani each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:46 p.m., the committee resumed.

Javeed Sukhera, Fatimah Jackson-Best and Ali Abukar each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:13 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sébastien Payet

*Clerk of the Committee*