



CANADA'S OTHER VOICES
NATIONAL ETHNIC PRESS AND MEDIA COUNCIL OF CANADA
Conseil national de la press et des medias ethniques du Canada



Office of the President

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Re: HATE LITERATURE AGAINST ETHNIC CANADIAN COMMUNITIES

**My dear friends, brothers,
sisters and members of the Ethnic Press and
Media of Canada:**

**It is with regret that for the second time in the
past few weeks, my office has received
complaints by members of Canadian human
rights organizations with regards to articles
written and published by publications of the
ethnic press of Canada.**

**At this point, I want to bring to your attention
that according to our code of ethics, no
member can write anything against a group of
people or against a community organization,**

for reasons of political ideology or even due to other reasons from the past back home.

As this phenomenon appears to be for the third time, it creates wrong ideas and also leaves space to believe that the Canadian Multicultural communities are hating each other. This is not true and it is the wrong perception of the people of this great society of ours.

I want to appeal to all the members of the ethnic press of Canada, either members of the NEPMCC or not, to please respect your neighbour and sustain of any act (voluntary or not) which can harm not only them but also our peace-loving society in general.

To this extent, allow me to tell you that some writers are accusing peaceful citizens of being against a government trying to harm them by revealing their names through the press.

Some of these citizens are proud of their services to government and the people of Canada and I congratulate them.

Please remember that in a democracy, every citizen has the right to his own political ideas and by the Canadian Charter of Rights to work

alone or with others for the benefits of the people and democracy.

As it is the case with the Iranian/Persian community.

Two other publications serving the Polish community, for reasons unknown to us, are openly trying to spread hatred against our brothers and sisters of the Jewish community.

This is not only wrong, but also highly unprofessional and we are condemning any such writings now and in the future.

To this extent, my office is bringing these three cases to the attention of the members of the board and I am asking our Ombudsman to take over the files and take action against the offenders.

Please note that journalism is a very honoured profession and has nothing to do with espionage against honourable citizens on behalf of autocratic and theocratic government. This is spreading false ideas about innocent people and communities.

Besides the fact that I will bring this to the attention of the proper Canadian authorities, I

will use my discretion to cut from these people every right to benefits that the Canadian government has established in order to help and support the ethnic press.

Finally, I am asking all the members to use their discretion and avoid similar actions in their publications.

**Thank you all,
Thomas S. Saras
President and CEO.**