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The **Khadr family** is comprised of Ahmed Said Khadr, his wife Maha Elsamnah, and their six children, described below. None presently reside in Canada, but Maha's parents, Mohammad and Fatima Monier Elsamnah, live in Scarborough Ontario. The Khadr family has spent most of the last fifteen years in Pakistan and Afghanistan with occasional visits to Canada for medical care, family visits and fundraising.

Ahmed Said Khadr came to Canada in 1977. An engineer by training, he completed a degree in computer science at the University of Ottawa and worked for Human Concern International (a Canadian charity) while in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In December 1995 he was detained by Pakistani authorities for alleged involvement in the bombing of the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad. He was released following an intervention made by Prime Minister Chretien during his January 1996 visit to Pakistan. Khadr subsequently spent some time in Canada before returning to Pakistan in July 1996. Ahmed Said Khadr's name appears on the list of associates of Usama bin Laden issued by the UN Security Council in January 2001, and therefore his funds have been frozen in Canada pursuant to the *United Nations Afghanistan Regulations*.

[REDACTED] for further information. The present location of Ahmed Said Khadr is not known, but he is suspected to be in the Afghan/Pakistan border region.

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Omar Khadr is presently 15 years old, [REDACTED]

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We do not know whether Omar engaged in combat or was responsible for any US casualties. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. Once it was determined that the individual in custody was Omar and that he was Canadian, DFAIT determined that the proper method for obtaining consular access was to request access through the State Department, who would then pass the request on to the Secretary of Defence for approval. Such a request was sent on Friday 29 August, but we were informally told that it was unlikely to be granted. We have also informally been told that Omar will be held at Bagram for another two weeks and then will be sent to Guantanamo Bay. His transfer to Guantanamo would be undesirable and would attract considerable public criticism. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] legal scholars have questioned whether American constitutional protections or international human rights instruments will apply there.

Maha Elsamnah was born in Cairo of Palestinian extraction, and met Ahmed Said Khadr in Canada. [REDACTED]

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Zaynab Khadr is the eldest daughter, [REDACTED]

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