

C-CAT Update – Sept. 17, 2019

**C-CAT legislation punishes Iran for terror sponsorship:**

**\$30 million of Iranian regime assets located in Canada**

**seized and distributed to terror victims**

1. A recent Global News report revealed that two Canadian properties belonging to the Iranian regime have been sold and the proceeds awarded to victims of Iranian-sponsored terrorism. Several other Iranian-regime assets were similarly seized and distributed. This action follows a successful lawsuit launched by terror victims against Iran under “the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act (JVTA), a law enacted in 2012 ... that allows victims to sue state-sponsors of terrorism for damages.” C-CAT led the 8-year campaign for the passage of the JVTA.

2. The plaintiffs, victims of Iran-sponsored terror groups Hezbollah and Hamas, had sued the Iranian regime under the JVTA in 2012. The Canadian courts ruled in favour of the victims and the Supreme Court of Canada later rejected Iran’s appeal. The assets forfeited include:

- **An Ottawa property, home to the Iranian Cultural Centre (C\$26.5 million).** The property was owned by a corporation connected to the IRGC
- **A Toronto property housing the Centre for Iranian Studies (C\$1.85 million).** The Centre is affiliated with Faisal Larijani, former cultural attaché at the Iranian embassy in Ottawa – a brother to the Speaker of Iran’s Parliament, andh another brother the current head of Iran’s judiciary.
- **\$2.6m seized from Iranian-held bank accounts as well as a Toyota Camry and a Mazda MPV.**

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# Iran's reaction to losing \$30 million of assets to the JVT

A look at the frontpages of some of Iran's newspapers

The reaction of the Iranian regime to the recent forfeiture of its Canadian assets to terror victims has been both belligerent and noteworthy. An acerbic response was not unexpected. Tehran has been scathing in its critique of the JVT and of Canada for allowing its passage – and at each and every stage of the recent legal process which had resulted in successive judicial defeats for the Iran, the Ayatollahs have seethed. What stands out in this most current round of regime condemnation is the variety of respondents and the different tracks and nuances in their remarks. Some of the regime critique has from the Iranian parliament, while other condemnation and/or threats have come from the Iranian judiciary, the foreign ministry and other agencies. This clearly has mattered to the regime which still expresses interest in establishing relations with Canada. Below is a collage of press reports that speak for themselves.



## IRAN NEWS

### Iran Threatens Canada With Retaliation For Property Confiscation

September 16, 2019 Radio Farda



FILE - Ebrahim Raees Sadat, commonly known as Ebrahim Raeesi, is an Iranian cleric heading Iran's Judiciary.



## Iranian Spokesman Blasts Canada's "State-Sponsored Economic Terrorism" against Iran

### Guardian Council spokesman Abbas Ali Kadkhodaie:

“Economic terrorism is a method of western governments, applied via abusing regulations and advantages of other nation’s economic resources by seizure or confiscation of their assets without going through any fair legal procedures.”



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### Iran should respond in kind to Canada’s sale of diplomatic properties: MP



Member of Iranian parliament’s committee on national security and foreign policy Heshmatollah Falahatpisheh

A senior member of the Iranian parliament has called for a decisive response to Canada’s sale of Iranian properties in Ottawa and Toronto, saying Canadian shipments crossing the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf should be confiscated in response to the move.




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### Official Calls Seizure of Iran’s Assets in Canada ‘Economic Terrorism’

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – Spokesman for Iran’s Guardian Council Abbasali Kadkhodaei condemned a recent move by Canada to sell \$30 million worth of Iranian assets as “a blatant example of economic terrorism”.

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# “So called Terror Victims”



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## Canada Sells Iran's Properties, Gives Proceeds to 'Terror Victims'

TEHRAN (Tasnim) – The Canadian government has sold tens of millions worth of seized Iranian government properties in the North American country, giving away the proceeds to what it calls “terror victims”.



## Iran Warns Canada about Consequences of Illegal Move against Tehran's Assets



TEHRAN (FNA)- Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Seyed Abbas Mousavi seriously warned the Canadian government about the repercussions of selling Tehran's assets in the North American country, urging Ottawa to revoke the decision.

Mousavi on Friday strongly condemned the sale of his country's properties in Canada, as per a court ruling **to compensate a group of so-called “terror victims”**, as “a clear breach of the international law,” and urged the Canadian government to immediately return the properties and revoke the decision.

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## Iran Demands Official Apology from Canada over Sale of Its Assets

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Iran's Ministry of Justice has officially demanded an official apology from the Canadian government for its move to sell part of Iranian assets in Canada under the pretext of supporting terror victims.

“The Justice Ministry’s Human Rights and International Affairs Department condemns this move by the Canadian government, which is against human rights and international law, and demands immediate return of Iranian assets and an official apology from the Canadian government”

<https://ifpnews.com/iran-demands-official-apology-from-canada-over-sale-of-its-assets>