

Conservatives call on Trudeau Liberals to take action on behalf of victims of Flight PS752

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Ottawa, ON – The Hon. Michael Chong, Conservative Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, James Bezan, Deputy Opposition Whip, and Melissa Lantsman, Conservative Shadow Minister for Transport, today released the following statement on the government's failure to take serious action against the Iranian regime for the downing of Flight PS752:

"The Liberal government has steadfastly refused to assign full responsibility to the Iranian regime for its act of terrorism in the downing of Flight PS752. The Trudeau Liberals have also failed to take any meaningful action at the international level to demonstrate Canada's horror and disgust at the missile strikes two years ago today which killed 138 individuals with ties to Canada.

"An Ontario court has found Iran guilty of this act of terrorism and awarded damages to the victims of \$107 million. Those responsible for this attack must be held to account and the Liberal government has a responsibility to assist the victims' families in seeking justice.

"Conservatives have called for Magnitsky sanctions to be imposed on those responsible in the Iranian regime if they failed to cooperate with the investigation. Iran's refusal to negotiate compensation for the victims makes it clear the Liberal government must use every tool available domestically and internationally.

"Conservatives also call on the Liberal government to begin discussions with the International Civil Aviation Organization to limit Iran's ability to operate commercial aircraft in international airspace until they agree to abide by international norms in the investigation into the downing of PS752 and negotiate reparations to the families of the victims."

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