Tributes for The Hon. Jason Kenney

Chief Hüstin Lëkku, South Sudanese Communities in Canada, African Diaspora Association of Canada: “Minister Jason Kenney is the voice for the voiceless people of South Sudan, a true brother and a friend to Afro-Canadians. Proverbially, ‘he walks the talk,’ and therefore deserves a prestigious human rights award. As a human rights activist, I am deeply proud of having Minister Jason Kenney as a leading advocate for human rights—at home and abroad.”

Dr. Can D. Le, Vietnamese Canadian Federation: “Minister Kenney never failed to support us whenever we wanted to bring violations of human rights in Vietnam to international attention… I am very pleased to know that Minister Kenney will be award the 2014 Moral Courage Award by the UN Watch. He really deserves it.”

Dr. Paul Bhatti, Head of the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance: “My heartfelt congratulations for the human rights award you are receiving from UN Watch. It is rightfully deserved for your determination and tireless efforts to support and protect basic human rights all over the world, and of the oppressed and marginalized religious minorities in Pakistan in particular. Your stand and support to continue the mission and vision for which my brother Shahbaz was martyred, is a great encouragement for all those who are continuing his vision.”

Tin Maung Htoo, Canadian Friends of Burma: “Jason Kenney has been a long-time friend of the democracy movement in Burma and the most ardent defender in Canada for the human rights of Burmese people. His passion and support for our community has gone a long way towards making Burma a better place. I congratulate you on you receiving UN Watch’s 2014 Moral Courage Award.”

Sheng Xue, Federation for a Democratic China: “The Hon. Jason Kenney’s hard-work helped us build our new lives, his faith enlightened us with hope, his mercy made us feel safe, his wisdom gives us more confidence, and his strong stance on human rights has granted us freedom! We are grateful to him for everything that he has been doing to help our cause of bringing human rights and democracy to China. You will be loved and remembered by Chinese people.”

Mrs. Rebiya Kadeer, President of the World Uyghur Congress, former dissident and political prisoner in China: “Minister Kenney has been a staunch advocate and an uncompromising defender of universal human rights in Canada and around the world. It will not be an exaggeration to state that among the politicians of Western democracies, Minister Kenney is the most prominent and outspoken critic of Communist China’s systemic and widespread rights abuses of Uyghurs, Tibetans…”

His Holiness the Dalai Lama: “I am writing to congratulate you on being awarded UN Watch’s Moral Courage Award for the year 2014. I have great admiration for your leadership, the concern and active support you have shown for the Tibetan cause, and your role in enhancing Canada’s diverse multi-ethnic and multicultural society. I have been impressed by your efforts to support the rights of oppressed people around the world…”