

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION AND TORTURE:
The Case of Abou ElKassim Britel**

**TO: President Barack Obama, UNITED STATES
 Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, PAKISTAN**

**King Mohammed VI, MOROCCO
 Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, ITALY**

Abou ElKassim Britel is an innocent Italian citizen of Moroccan descent who was subjected to extraordinary rendition in 2002. We call upon each of you to acknowledgement your government’s terrible violations of his rights, and apologize to him.

Mr. Britel was arrested and brutally tortured by Pakistani officials. He was interrogated four times by U.S. agents. Then he was rendered by the CIA, using a North Carolina-based aircraft, to a secret prison in Morocco. There, he was held incommunicado and tortured by Moroccan agents at the behest of the CIA. The Italian government knew of his abuse, and did nothing to help him.

Mr. Britel was released without charges, but then re-detained and further tortured in Morocco. With a tortured confession and a sham trial, he spent seven years in prison. Meanwhile, the European Parliament called for his immediate release, and an Italian inquiry found no evidence against him.

Finally, in 2011, Mr. Britel was freed and returned to his home in Italy. But he has never received acknowledgement of wrongdoing, nor an apology, from any of the four governments responsible for his awful ordeal. **Torture is immoral and illegal, and we must take responsibility.**

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Completed petitions to: Britel Apology, NC Stop Torture Now, P.O. Box 12707, Raleigh, NC 27605, www.ncstoptorturennow.org/#Apology