

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **ABOUSFIAN ABDELRAZIK: STILL IN SUSPENSE**

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

Charles Lynch Room, Centre Bloc, Parliament, Ottawa  
Friday, 3 April 2009, 10:30am

*With:*

Yavar Hameed, lawyer for Abousfian Abdelrazik  
Jo Wood, donor  
Amir Attaran, Professor at University of Ottawa  
Paul Dewar, M.P., New Democratic Party  
Honorable Irwin Cotler, M.P., Liberal Party

#### **PUBLIC RALLIES**

In several cities across Canada, including Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa  
Friday, 3 April 2009

\*Complete list, including times and local contact:

[www.peoplescommission.org/abdelrazik.php#april3](http://www.peoplescommission.org/abdelrazik.php#april3)

Abousfian Abdelrazik, the Canadian who has been illegally exiled in Sudan for six years and living in the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum for almost a year, is scheduled to fly out of Khartoum at 3:45pm local time (8:45am Ottawa time) on Friday, April 3rd, thanks to an airline ticket that was purchased for him by about 200 Canadians, acting in defiance of the threat of prosecution.

Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon and DFAIT have made contradictory statements on whether the passport he needs to board the plane will be issued. Less than 24-hours before his flight, Mr. Abdelrazik remains in suspense.

An update on Mr. Abdelrazik's status will be provided at a press conference in Ottawa on Friday at 10:30am. Several public rallies, organized by people who contributed to Mr. Abdelrazik's plane ticket, will also take place across the country on Friday – whether in protest or celebration remains to be seen.

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#### **Background:**

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