

## **Media Advisory**

### **Abousfian Abdelrazik: Accountability, reputation and freedom Exiled man to appear before judge who ordered government to bring him home**

**Event:** Court Hearing, followed by Press Scrum

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 July 2009

**Time:** 2pm (Press Scrum to follow hearing)

**Location:** Federal Court of Canada, 30 McGill St., Montreal

Mr. Abousfian Abdelrazik, who was reunited with his children on Saturday after six years of exile, will make a brief statement to media after a Federal Court hearing in Montreal. Mr. Abdelrazik will speak about the struggle he faces now that he is back in Canada: to seek accountability for the injustices that have been done to him; to clear his good name; and to free himself from the arbitrary measures of the UN 1267 list.

The Federal Court hearing was convened by Judge Russel Zinn in his 4 June 2009 decision directing the government of Canada to bring Mr. Abdelrazik home. Noting that he would have no trouble finding that the government had acted in bad faith in Mr. Abdelrazik's case, Judge Zinn ordered the unprecedented hearing to verify that Mr. Abdelrazik had indeed arrived in Montreal. (Read full judgement here: [www.peoplescommission.org/files/abousfianMedia/June4Decision.pdf](http://www.peoplescommission.org/files/abousfianMedia/June4Decision.pdf))

In the strongly worded judgement, Judge Zinn ruled that the government had violated Mr. Abdelrazik's Charter rights by denying him an emergency passport on 3 April 2009. He also found that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was implicated in Mr. Abdelrazik's initial detention in Sudan.

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**Also available for comment on Mr. Abdelrazik's case:** see list at [www.peoplescommission.org/files/abousfianmedia/interviewsen.doc](http://www.peoplescommission.org/files/abousfianmedia/interviewsen.doc)

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