

## Media Advisory

### **Citizens' delegation to present Minister Cannon with paid-for airline ticket for Abdelrazik**

EVENT: Presentation of airline ticket to Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon

DATE: Tuesday, June 9th

TIME: 10:00am

LOCATION: Department of Foreign Affairs, L.B. Pearson Building, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa

On June 4th, the Federal Court issued an order directing the government to bring Abousfian Abdelrazik back to Montreal within thirty days. Further, the government was instructed to make arrangements to bring him home within 15 days.

Mr. Abdelrazik already has a paid-for ticket for a flight scheduled to leave Khartoum on Friday, June 12th. The ticket was purchased by a fund to which over 250 Canadians - from St. John's to Victoria to Iqaluit; and from all walks of life - have contributed, despite a risk of prosecution.

Originally booked for April 3rd, the ticket was re-booked after Minister Cannon refused to issue the travel document that Mr. Abdelrazik needed to board his flight. The Federal Court found that Minister Cannon's actions on April 3rd had breached Mr. Abdelrazik's charter rights. The court also found that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) had been complicit in Mr. Abdelrazik's arrest in Sudan.

**On Tuesday, a delegation of contributors to the fund will go to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa in order to offer Minister Cannon the June 12th plane ticket as the easiest, most cost-effective and rapid means for the government to comply with the Federal Court order.**

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**The following organizations support the public campaign to bring Abousfian Abdelrazik home:** Canadian Labour Congress; No one is illegal Ottawa; International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group; PeaceWorks, Sarnia, Ontario; Peaceworks, Midland, Ontario; People for Peace, London; Council of Canadians | London; Educators for Justice - Waterloo Region Catholic School Board; Camp Micah: Leadership for Peace and Justice; Polaris Institute; Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War; Boundary Peace Initiative; Peace Alliance Winnipeg; Canadian Peace Alliance; Bengali Students Association of the University of Waterloo; Fredericton Peace Coalition; Advocacy Collective, Fredericton; Rassemblement Outaouais contre la guerre (ROCG); Tikkun Toronto; Canadian Union of Postal Workers; Nowar-Paix; Bathurst United Church, Toronto; The Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee; Toronto Action for Social Change; People's Commission Network; Rights Action; Ontario Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (OCHRP); Apatrides Anonymes; No One Is Illegal Toronto; OPIRG-Carleton; Windsor Peace Coalition; Paradigm Shift Environmental Alliance; Exile Infoshop; The Voice of Women (Ontario), Letter Writing Group; Student Coalition Against War, Ottawa U; Solidarity Across Borders; No One Is Illegal-Montreal; Ottawa Raging Grannies; Canadian Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR-CAN); Group for Research and Initiative for the Liberation of Africa; Ligue des droits et libertés; Tadamon! Montreal; Anti-War@Laurier (AW@L); Unitarian Universalists Windsor Region; Muslim Students Association of the University of Victoria; Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW); Canadian Islamic Congress; South Asian Women's Community Centre (SAWCC); Immigrant Workers Center; Hamilton Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers); Montreal Chapter of the Council of Canadians; Le DIRA; Ici la Otra campaña - Montreal; La Pointe Libertaire; No one is illegal Vancouver; Windsor District Labour Council; OPIRG-Ottawa; Council of Canadians - Peterborough and Kawartha chapter; Muslim Council of Montreal; Conseil Central de Montréal Métropolitain - CSN; Palestinian and Jewish Unity (PAJU); Comité Justice sociale des Soeurs Auxiliatrices; PINAY; Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT); Collectif Échec à la guerre; Présence Musulmane Montréal; Nonviolent Resource Centre; Council of Canadians - Grand River chapter; Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends; Green Party of Canada; QPIRG Concordia; Astrolabe; 2110 Centre for Gender Advocacy; Student Christian Movement of Canada; Canadian Arab Federation; Council of Canadians; Les Artistes pour la paix; Christian Peacemaker Teams Canada; Confederation of Canadian Unions; Coalition pour la justice en Palestine - UQAM; Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW); Science for Peace.