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OTTAWA -- The family of a Sudanese-Canadian man stuck in his birth country for five years due to terrorism allegations yesterday pleaded for his safe return to Canada.

Abousfian Abdelrazik, 46, went to Sudan to visit his ill mother in 2003 and has been unable to return because his name appeared on a no-fly list due to alleged links with suspected terrorists.

Abdelrazik was jailed twice in Sudan, in 2003 and 2006, but no criminal charges were laid.

Lawyer Yavar Hameed, speaking on behalf of Abdelrazik's family, said that Abdelrazik has been unable to return to Canada because Canadian authorities refused to provide him with an emergency passport, and because he has been added to a no-fly list.

"The government of Canada has landed him in a kind a legal limbo and was responsible for his detention for many months in Sudan," said Hameed, flanked by Abdelrazik's relatives.

"He's our father and we need him," pleaded his stepdaughter, Wafa Sahnine.

"He's a Canadian citizen and he has rights," added ex-wife Myriam St.-Hilaire, speaking for the couple's five-year-old son.

Hameed said that U.S. officials have linked Abdelrazik to Abu Zubeida, a lieutenant of Osama bin Laden.

On Monday, Abdelrazik sought temporary safe haven at the Canadian embassy in Khartoum.