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inside the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum.

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to buy a plane ticket home for Abousifian Abdelrazik, despite the risk of being charged. Over 200 people from all parts of Canada and all walks of life have contributed to the solidarity fund. Surplus money will be offered to Mr. Abdelrazik as a symbolic reparations fund on his return to Canada.

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What you can do

- Contact Lawrence Cannon:

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- **Call your MP.** Contact details of MPs via www.parl.gc.ca (click on "Members of Parliament (Current)").

- **Join a public action** in a city near you **on 3 April**. See www.peoplescommission.org/abdelrazik.php more details.

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