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SANDIE RINALDO: There seems to be no way out for a Canadian citizen trapped in his native Sudan. Today Abousfian Abdelrazik found temporary refuge in the Canadian embassy in Khartoum, but still has no way to get back to Montreal and his waiting family. He faces a litany of terrorism allegations and is on international no-fly lists, but has never been charged. Now as CTV's Roger Smith reports, his family argues that whatever claims against him he deserves to face them here in Canada.

ROGER SMITH (Reporter): Miriam St-Hilaire is fighting to get her ex-husband home, mainly for the sake of their son.

KOUTEYBA ABDELRAZIK (Son): I want him to come to Canada and give him a big hug, because I love him so much.

SMITH: Abousfian Abdelrazik is a suspected terrorist with links to al-Qaeda. Five years ago on a trip to his native Sudan he was arrested, questioned by CSIS agents, then released. According to government documents, Ottawa conceded there are no charges pending and that as a Canadian citizen he has the right to come home. Yet he's been trapped in Khartoum because his name is on a no-fly list and Canada refuses to give him a passport.

YAVAR HAMEED (Lawyer): It's essentially a catch-22 situation.

SMITH: His lawyer accuses both Conservative and Liberal governments of blocking his return.

HAMEED: There is a deliberate reticence to facilitate Mr. Abdelrazik's passage back to Canada.

SMITH: Concerns, too, within foreign affairs. One official called it unethical to hold him like this in limbo. And a warning, should this case break wide open in the media, we may have a lot of explaining to do. Yet still no explanation, even from this MP who visited Abdelrazik last month.

DEEPAK OBHRAI (Conservative – Alberta): Due to privacy, it is not possible for me to say anything at all.

SMITH: One possible problem, both CSIS and the US have recently made new terrorist allegations, but his family argues he still has the right to defend himself in Canada.

MIRIAM ST-HILAIRE (Former Wife): He is not a terrorist. He is a Muslim. He is a practicing Muslim, but a peaceful Muslim.

SMITH: The family describes his plight as illegal exile and demands the government finally end it by bringing him home. Roger Smith, CTV News, Ottawa.