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Canada has asked the United Nations to take a Sudanese-Canadian who has been blocked in Sudan for five years off a list of terror suspects, the man's lawyer said yesterday.

Attorney Yavar Hameed complained of "an inherent contradiction" in the Canadian government's position in Abousfian Abdelrazik's case.

"At some level within the government, there are obviously some people who have been trying to frustrate efforts to bring Mr. Abdelrazik back to Canada," he said.

"In other departments there have been some efforts, or at least some movement, to try at least to have him delisted and to try to go through some of the motions necessary to bring him back.

"But to the extent that it is not a coherent position it's not possible for any forward movement to happen," Mr. Hameed said.

Mr. Abdelrazik, 46, went to Sudan in 2003 to visit his mother. He was arrested and jailed based on intelligence supplied by Canadian services that suspected him of ties to al-Qaeda, Mr. Hameed said.

Mr. Abdelrazik was later set free, but could not return to Canada because he no longer held a passport and was on the UN and airline black list that stops him from boarding a plane. He currently is at the Canadian embassy in Khartoum.