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Unless the federal government does an about-face, Abousfian Abdelrazik faces at least several more weeks of limbo in Sudan before he could be allowed to return to Canada after almost five hellish years away, his lawyer said yesterday. In the meantime, Mr. Abdelrazik, 46, will continue camping out in the reception area of Canada's embassy in Khartoum, his lawyer Yavar Hameed added. Mr. Abdelrazik is waiting for the Federal Court of Canada to hear his emergency injunction request for an order that the federal government "repatriate him immediately to Canada by any safe means." Labelled a suspected al-Qaeda member by Canada after the 9/11 attacks, Mr. Abdelrazik has repeatedly denied any terrorist links. The family's calls for Mr. Abdelrazik's return were endorsed by representatives of the francophone section of Amnesty International Canada and the Quebec League of Rights and Liberties, as well as by Imam Salam Elmanyawi, president of the Muslim Council of Montreal.