

Group to unveil plans to repatriate Canadian man stranded in Sudan

MONTREAL — A group trying to repatriate a Montrealer who was once labelled a terrorist operative in Sudan is expected announce plans Thursday to bring him home from the African country.

Abousfian Abdelrazik was visiting his ailing mother in Sudan in 2003 when he was arrested for alleged terror links.

Abdelrazik, a Canadian citizen, was later freed because Sudanese investigators found no evidence to support criminal charges.

A spokeswoman for a group of supporters dedicated to bringing him back to Canada says he is expected to be repatriated within three weeks.

Abdelrazik's passport has expired and Canadian authorities say he must buy a plane ticket before they issue him travel documents.

However, anyone caught financing a plane ticket for Abdelrazik, whose name is on a UN terrorist blacklist, could be prosecuted under Canadian law.

Abdelrazik, who alleges he was tortured during his imprisonment, is currently living at the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum.

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