

MEDIA ADVISORY

KITE RALLY to demand that Abousfian Abdelrazik fly home on 12 June

Wednesday, June 10th at 12:30

Corner of Sainte-Catherine and Peel (Peel metro), Montreal

Kites will fly in downtown Montreal on Wednesday as Montrealers call on the government to comply with last week's Federal Court order to bring Abousfian Abdelrazik back to Montreal. With their kites, powerful symbols of freedom and flight, Mr. Abdelrazik's fellow Montrealers will demand that Mr. Abdelrazik be allowed to board his flight on 12 June and at the same time denounce the horrendous abuses of Abdelrazik's freedom by CSIS and the government.

Mr. Abdelrazik, the Canadian who has been illegally exiled in Sudan for six years and living in the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum for almost a year, has a paid-for ticket for a flight scheduled to leave Khartoum at 3:45pm local time on Friday, June 12th. He re-booked his flight in response to an invitation by the parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs to appear before the committee in Ottawa on June 15th. The ticket, originally booked for April 3rd, was paid for out of a fund to which about 250 Canadians have now contributed, acting in defiance of possible prosecution.

A Federal Court order issued on June 4th directed the government to make arrangements for Mr. Abdelrazik to return to Montreal within 30 days. The court found that the government had breached Mr. Abdelrazik's Charter right to return to Canada when, on April 3rd, Lawrence Cannon denied him an emergency passport, which had been promised to Mr. Abdelrazik once he was in possession of a paid-for airline ticket. The court also found the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) to be complicit in the detention of Mr. Abdelrazik in Sudan in 2003. Mr. Abdelrazik was never charged, and he was tortured while he was in prison. CSIS officials interrogated him during his detention.

**NO TO RACISM! YES TO JUSTICE AND DIGNITY!
BRING ABOUSFIAN ABDELRAZIK HOME NOW!**

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