

Media Advisory

Abousfian Abdelrazik to return to Canada after six-year exile on Saturday, June 27th

TORONTO: Arrival at Pearson Airport

Time: 4:40 PM

Location: Terminal One, Pearson International Airport, Mississauga (*exact location of press conference TBA*)

MONTREAL: Festive Welcome Home Celebratory Rally

Time: Late night.*

Location: Downtown Montreal.*

** Check website (listed below) at 9:30pm on Saturday and follow Twitter updates for more precise arrival time and place or call 514 222 0205.*

(Toronto and Montreal, June 25, 2009) — Abousfian Abdelrazik will arrive home on Saturday, June 27 at 4.40 PM, ending almost six-years of exile in Sudan. Mr. Abdelrazik will make a brief statement at Toronto's Pearson International Airport before continuing his trip to Montreal where he will be reunited with his family.

Friends and supporters will be waiting at the arrivals gate in Toronto to welcome him home. Mr. Abdelrazik will also be greeted in downtown Montreal by a late night gathering of supporters to celebrate his return.

Mr. Abdelrazik will be accompanied on his long trip home by his lawyer Yavar Hameed.

Mr. Abdelrazik's long-overdue return is the result of a June 4th court order which found the Federal government had breached Mr. Abdelrazik's Charter rights by repeatedly obstructing his return to Canada. The landmark ruling also found that CSIS was complicit in Mr. Abdelrazik's initial detention, torture, and interrogation by Sudan in 2003.

Mr. Abdelrazik's ordeal is eerily similar to that of other Canadian Muslims, such as Maher Arar, Ahmad El Maati, Abdullah Almalki, and Muayyed Nureddin who were detained, tortured and interrogated abroad, with the involvement of Canadian officials. The government's reluctance to bring Mr. Abdelrazik home sparked a strong public campaign across Canada.

Twitter updates on the repatriation of Abousfian Abdelrazik: starting Friday morning, regular tweets on the trip home can be found at <http://twitter.com/retouraubercail>

For more background information: www.peoplescommission.org/abdelrazik.php

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