

## **Media Release**

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### **Abdelrazik and supporters visit Stephen Harper's home office in Calgary**

Today Abousfian Abdelrazik visited the Calgary office of Stephen Harper where he delivered a letter to the Prime Minister. A visibly shaken assistant to Stephen Harper greeted Mr. Abdelrazik and his supporters and informed them that she did not know when Mr. Harper would be back in his home riding. She said that the only way she was able to contact the Prime Minister was by sending a letter to his office in Ottawa. Twelve supporters accompanied Mr. Abdelrazik to Mr. Harper's office including Nick Lepora, President of the Calgary District Labour Congress (CDLC), who was also representing the Canadian Labour Congress. "This man has been accused of no crimes," said Mr. Lepora of Mr. Abdelrazik. Mr. Lepora added that Mr. Abdelrazik's name should be removed from the UN 1267 List and that the sanctions that currently apply to Mr. Abdelrazik in Canada should be lifted immediately. Rick Collier, who organized support for Mr. Abdelrazik in Calgary, also accompanied Mr. Abdelrazik today. Mr. Collier pointed out how the sanctions against Mr. Abdelrazik criminalize those who are supporting him and called for Mr. Abdelrazik's name to be removed from the 1267 List. Long-time Calgarian, Peggy Askin, a past president of the CDLC, was also present. "Abdelrazik is heroic and courageous and an inspiration. His rights were violated and the violation of rights is increasing every day in Canada. Our only security is in fighting together for all of our rights," she said. Mr. Abdelrazik also spoke briefly as he handed over his letter. "If you don't want to listen to me because of my religion or colour, then I hope you will at least listen to these people from Calgary," he said.

In the letter to Mr. Harper, Mr. Abdelrazik made three demands of the Canadian government. Among them was the demand "that the Canadian government immediately lift the sanctions that it is imposing on me and take all measures necessary at the level of the UN Security Council to have my name removed from the 1267 list." The letter is appended to this release.

The visit comes in the context of a speaking tour of Western Canada. Mr. Abdelrazik has already spoken in a number of cities including Saskatoon and Edmonton. The next stop of his tour will be in Vancouver on November 23 at 6pm.

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