



Stephen Lewis assists Canadian man stuck in Sudan

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MONTREAL – Former United Nations envoy Stephen Lewis has joined the list of Canadians who are contributing to a fund to bring home from Sudan a Montreal man whose name appears on a UN terrorist blacklist.

The list is a grassroots effort to raise money for Abousfian Abdelrazik. The United States suspects Abdelrazik has ties to Osama bin Laden but he has never been charged. The Sudanese government released him from custody.

Abdelrazik has been living in the Canadian embassy in Khartoum for nearly a year. The federal government is unwilling to bring him back and threatens to prosecute anyone who would help him.

After receiving a letter from Passport Canada saying he could be granted an emergency travel document if a ticket were purchased, dozens of Canadians stepped forward.

A ticket was purchased for April 3, but as of yesterday, there has been no sign of action on Ottawa's part, Abdelrazik's lawyer, Yavar Hameed, said.