

NAME OF MP, CANDIDATE, ETC

Dear Madame/Sir.

Project Fly Home has placed you and your political party on the List of Collaborators with the UN Security Council's 1267 Regime. Project Fly Home has worked in support of Abousfian Abdelrazik for more than two years: first in support of his return to Canada; and then in support of his efforts to be removed from the UN 1267 blacklist (for more information on this blacklist, as well as Mr. Abdelrazik's situation, www.peoplescommission.org/en/abdelrazik/).

The UN Security Council blacklist imposes an international travel ban, an arms ban and an asset freeze on individuals whose names appear on the list. Mr. Abdelrazik was not informed prior to being listed and has never been given any evidence to support the allegations against him, nor a meaningful opportunity to defend himself.

As Federal Court Judge Russel Zinn wrote in a decision on Mr. Abdelrazik's case, "There is nothing in the listing or de-listing procedure that recognizes the principles of natural justice or that provides for basic procedural fairness."

As a community member in your riding, we are appalled that, since Mr. Abdelrazik's return in June 2009, neither you nor your party have taken a proactive position against this regime by publicly denouncing the 1267 list and the sanctions it arbitrarily imposes, and that you and your party have failed to take any action to ensure that Mr. Abdelrazik's name is removed from this list.

Abousfian Abdelrazik is at a critical time in his struggle for freedom from the sanctions that have straight-jacketed his life ever since his name was arbitrarily added to the UN blacklist in 2006. In January 2011, he submitted a delisting application to the UN Security Council which set in motion a review process that could take up to ten months. He could get an answer to his request any time between September and November 2011.

As has been pointed out many times, the UN Security Council 1267 Blacklist, as well as its listing and delisting processes, are essentially political. So, even with all the support and favourable recommendations in the world, the final decision on Abdelrazik's application comes down to a political calculation made by each of the fifteen states on the UN Security Council.

Support from the Canadian government and various political parties is absolutely necessary if Abdelrazik is ever to be free from the heavy burden of having to prove non-association and non-profile in order to live free of sanctions and suspicion. To date, this support has been entirely absent.

In response to this situation, Project Fly Home, supported by the many people across Canada who decided to break the sanctions imposed on Mr. Abdelrazik by offering him financial assistance, has launched the List of Collaborators with the 1267 Regime. This list consists of individuals and organizations in Canada suspected of collaborating with the UN Security Council's anti-democratic 1267 Blacklisting Regime or of being associated with entities that have engaged in repressive activities related to imposing this blacklisting regime on Canadians. The 1267 Collaborators' List is inspired by the UN Security Council 1267 regime itself, with its Kafka-esque justice and Orwellian meaning.

Please have a look at the delisting process as laid out on Project Fly Home's website: www.peoplescommission.org/en/abdelrazik. In brief, we are asking you to take a public position and

support Mr. Abdelrazik by endorsing the statement (see below) as well as to undertake actions to ensure that the sanctions on Mr. Abdelrazik are immediately lifted and his name removed from the list so that his liberty is finally restored to him.

Sincerely,
NAME

The UN Security Council imposes an asset freeze and an international travel ban on individuals whose names have been placed on its "1267 List". The listing and delisting processes do not meet standards of procedural fairness or of natural justice fundamental to the rule of law. The 1267 Regime and the "Al Qaeda and Taliban Regulations" - which implement the 1267 Regime in Canada - violate rights to liberty, security and freedom of association.

CSIS and the RCMP cleared Abousfian Abdelrazik of any criminal activity in November 2007. On this basis, the Canadian government has supported Mr. Abdelrazik's request to be removed from the 1267 List.

For these reasons, I call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs to 1) lift sanctions from Mr. Abdelrazik in Canada (as was done in the case of another Canadian citizen, Mr. Liban Hussein, in 2002); 2) contact the embassies of all United Nations Security Council members to inform them that Mr. Abdelrazik's removal from the 1267 List is a diplomatic priority for Canada; and 3) revoke the unconstitutional "Al Qaeda and Taliban Regulations", which were established by Order in Council.

For more information: www.peoplescommission.org/en/abdelrazik