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MARCH IN SOLIDARITY WITH ABDELRAZIK & AGAINST THE UN 1267 REGIME

March to institutions complicit in the 1267 Regime in Montreal Saturday, 11 December 2010. Press Point at 1:15pm Gathering point: UN ICAO, 999 University, Montreal

Abdelrazik, a Canadian, was detained on the request of Canada while on a trip to Sudan in 2003. Tortured over the course of several years, he was released only to find that he had been placed on the UN 1267 List, which provided Canada with a pretext to block his return to Canada for another three years.

The 1267 Regime is an international tool which imposes an international travel ban and an asset freeze on listed individuals and organizations. The list is managed by the United Nations Security Council but implemented by each UN member nation, such as Canada.

The listing process is based upon vague allegations of "association" and the presumption of guilt. Individuals have no prior opportunity to challenge their listing and no meaningful opportunity to get themselves off the list once they have been added. Many of these people, like Abdelrazik, have never been charged with any crime. Some, like Abdelrazik, have been imprisoned and tortured in the name of security.

As a constitutional challenge makes its way through the courts, and domestic and international political pressure to scrap the 1267 Regime mounts, Project Fly Home Montreal is calling for a march to visit institutions in Montreal that are complicit with the 1267 Regime and its policies of racial profiling and guilt by association.

Project Fly Home demands an end to this list and others like it, which internationalize state repression, which promote racism and Islamophobia, and which encourage an atmosphere of fear and paranoia.