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**Subject:** KHGR0532 - Sudan, Meeting with NSI concerning Consular Case  
**SECRET**

M. Pawsey (Consul) met with senior officials from Sudan's National Security & Intelligence Agency (NSI) to discuss the case of Abusofian Abdelrazik, a Canadian-Sudanese citizen who has been detained by NSI since mid-October. The meeting with NSI was comprehensive and the Embassy availed itself of the opportunity to both reiterate and explain further the need for the Canadian Embassy to be granted consular access to the subject.

**Case Overview:** Abusofian Abdelrazik was arrested on September 10, 2003 [REDACTED] and recommendation by CSIS, for suspected involvement with terrorist elements. Following his arrest, intelligence officials from [REDACTED] Canada met and interviewed Abdelrazik in Khartoum. Despite a ruling of the GoS Ministry of Justice on 26 July 2005 clearing Mr. Abdelrazik of any and all charges and ordering his release given the absence of any charges against him in Canada, he was detained again following a meeting with NSI officials in October 2005. Embassy officials have not been granted consular access, or even contact, to Mr. Abdelrazik since this time.

The meeting between the Embassy and three senior NSI officials was comprehensive, recapping all stages and developments of the case, and surprisingly direct. NSI officials confirmed that Abdelrazik had been re-detained following an October meeting and that he is currently being held at the Khobar facility in Khartoum. [REDACTED]

The embassy indicated that we understand that Mr. Azbdelrazik's case remains complicated, however, it is of vital importance that we be granted consular access to the Mr. Abdelrazik to confirm both his whereabouts and wellbeing. NSI officials were sympathetic to our request but stated bluntly that this is not a consular case, rather, it is a security and intelligence matter. Recognising that a regular consular visit was highly unlikely to be approved, M. Pawsey proposed an escorted visit in hopes of making gains towards *some* level of access to or contact with the detainee, albeit minimal. NSI seemed receptive to this proposal and indicated that they would provide the Embassy with an official response in the coming days.

NSI/Altayeb provided a thorough overview of the case and its developments to date. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Canadian Involvement:** NSI/Altayeb is concerned about the subject's well-being and his situation, noting it has had a negative impact on his family. He also stated that contact with Canadian officials was regular but inconclusive. That is, NSI maintains that all recent interactions have resulted in repeated statements to them by Canadian security officials in the field reiterating that Mr. Abdelrazik's case "is a consular case," despite the fact that initial recommendations for his detention emerged from CSIS [KHRTM notes that if this is indeed the case, we had not been told of these communications]. He was overwhelmingly forward when expressing his concern and frustration that there seems to be little interest by CSIS and senior GoC authorities to help resolve Mr. Abdelrazik's situation. NSI referred to recent instances of Canadians detained abroad without known charges and made specific reference to how this case could also be interrupted by the large Muslim community in Canada if it were to become public.

[REDACTED]

Sudan's foreign policy currently revolves around the US and efforts to end US embargoes against Sudan, therefore, it is of an extremely high priority [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Options discussed with NSI:** In NSI's view, this issue will only be resolved through a constructive dialogue between Canadian and US security officials regarding the eventual disposition of Mr. Abdelrazik's case: the French are no longer involved, and paramount in Sudanese intelligence's priorities is maintaining good relations with the United States.

Altayeb's options include:

1. Direct commercial flight returning Mr. Abdelrazik to Canada, but this would include Canadian authorities negotiating an exemption from the US no-fly list for this purpose.
2. Sudanese government arranging a private plane, but this would involve meeting

two Sudanese requirements which were described as "unconditional": receipt of a guarantee that the plane would not be stopped en route, and that a Canadian official accompany Abdelrazik on the flight.

[REDACTED]

**Comments:** Sudan intelligence officials expressed frank puzzlement as to lack of engagement by Canada regarding what they view as repeated facilitation of Mr. Abdelrazik's departure from Sudan, and the alleged complete lack of response by Canadian security officials beyond stating that this is a consular issue [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NSI officials made it very clear that they had no intention of detaining him indefinitely in Sudan, [REDACTED]

In addition to NSI suggestions as to how to resolve this case, consideration might be given to a Canadian charter aircraft rather than relying on the Sudanese, or transport via DND aircraft. [REDACTED] used a strategy of issuing a warrant by a judge for a mandatory appearance order to answer judicial questions to facilitate the return of individuals - this strategy may or may not be appropriate in this case.

We note in closing that after some years of patience, Mr. Abdelrazik's family has started seeking, through a lawyer, Access to Information documentation on his case, presumably to arm themselves should they decide to take this case to the media.

Further delay in this case risks the perception of complacency on the part of the Government should this case become public, especially given our repeated observations regarding Mr. Abdelrazik's increasingly desperate frame of mind.

We look forward to your instructions at the earliest possible opportunity.

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