

Extradition Ordered for Three Accused in Airport Bomb Plot

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A judge in [Trinidad](#) ordered yesterday that three men be extradited to the United States to face charges that they conspired with a former airport cargo worker to attack jet fuel storage tanks and fuel lines at Kennedy International Airport, officials said.

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The ruling, by Chief Magistrate Sherman McNicolls, brings the three men one step closer to Brooklyn and the bombing conspiracy charges against them, which were announced by federal and local authorities in New York City on June 2.

The three men being held without bail in Port of Spain, Trinidad — Abdul Kadir, 55; Kareem Ibrahim, 62; and Abdel Nur, 57 — have until Aug. 20 to appeal the decision, according to William J. Muller, the executive assistant United States attorney in Brooklyn, where all four men face trial in United States District Court.

Rajiv Persad, a lawyer who represents Mr. Ibrahim and Mr. Kadir, said after the ruling that he intended to appeal.

“My clients have instructed me to challenge the decision, and I will very shortly file in the High Court habeas corpus proceedings,” he said. “My clients also intend to explore all legal options available to them.”

[Richard Clarke](#)-Wills, a lawyer for Mr. Nur, said that he would also appeal and that a decision should take at least six weeks, The Associated Press reported.

The fourth man charged in the case, Russell M. Defreitas, 64, the former airport worker, has been held without bail since his arrest June

1 at a diner in Brooklyn. He is charged with conducting surveillance in the plot to blow up the fuel storage tanks and a system of pipes that run beneath the airport and part of Brooklyn and Queens.

Last week, Andrew Carter, a lawyer for Mr. Defreitas, asked the federal judge presiding over the case to allow a psychological examination to determine his “intellectual limitations,” saying he cannot read and may have fairly low intelligence. The judge, Dora L. Irizarry of district court, gave prosecutors a week to respond to Mr. Carter’s request.

At the hearing yesterday in Port of Spain, Douglas Mendes, a Trinidadian lawyer representing the United States government, presented a written summary of evidence, compiled by United States authorities, a person knowledgeable about the case said, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case.

Chief Magistrate McNicolls held the hearing to determine whether the charges were framed in accordance with the laws of Trinidad, the person said.

The chief magistrate rejected the defense arguments that the conspiracy charges did not exist under Trinidadian law and that there was insufficient evidence to support the charge that the men used Google software to facilitate the commission of a terrorist act.