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Ex-Iranian president helps free city man

With help from the former president of Iran and the late Shah's son, an Edmonton man facing deportation to Iran has been released from jail.

An immigration adjudicator granted Manoocheher Moktarian, 41, the equivalent of bail at a hear-



ing Thursday, said his lawyer, Shirish Chotalia.

Moktarian has been in the remand centre since Feb. 20.

Chotalia presented more than a dozen letters of support for Moktarian, including one from the American-based son of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who was overthrown by Islamic fundamentalists and died in 1980.

Another letter came in French from Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Iran's president during the American hostage crisis who later fled into exile in Paris.

Moktarian, who came to Edmonton in 1993 with a visa to work at a Nisku pipeline equipment company, has distributed material calling for the return of the Iranian royal family.

He applied for refugee status in 1994, saying he was in danger if he went home, but this application was turned down.

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