

'Canada is nothing,' grieving dad says

by UPI

TORONTO - The father of a teenager whose accused killers were let go despite a videotape of the shooting said he's taking his wife and remaining children back to Somalia.

"Canada is nothing. ... The Canadian government is nothing," Ahmed Abdikarim Mohammed told the Toronto Sun in front of his modest bungalow.

"I go," said Mohammed, a 58-year-old Toronto cab driver. "My plan is this week to go, all together."

Mohammed's 18-year-old son Abdikarim Ahmed Abdikarim was killed near the upscale Yorkdale Shopping Center around 10 p.m. March 14, 2008.

The high school senior, who police said had no gang links and was hanging out with friends from school, was hit in the head. Five other male seniors were wounded, officials said.

Government prosecutor Joe Callaghn Thursday dropped charges against Owen Anthony Smith, 36, and Wendell Damian Cuff, 26, citing insufficient evidence.

Toronto police had posted a surveillance video of the killing on YouTube hoping to draw leads, but few people came forward to help police build a case, Callaghn said.

"I die in Somalia," Abdikarim's father told the Sun. "That's the end for me."

The grieving dad said he must leave the body of his son buried until arrangements can be made for it to be exhumed and shipped to Somalia.

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