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In this Dec. 29, 2008 photo the cargo ship the Arctic Sea is seen in Kotka, Finland. The Arctic Sea, a Maltese-flagged cargo ship, was supposed to make port in Algeria with its cargo of timber on August 4. More than a week later, there's no sign of the ship or its Russian crew. (Read story on page 4)

Al-Megrahi Calls Mother Who Says She Keeps Door Open, Expecting Him to Enter at Any Time

Tripoli- Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi, the Libyan citizen imprisoned for 27 years in a Scottish jail, has called his mother on Wednesday telling her that he hoped to be with her by Ramadan.

The Tripoli Post has learned

on Thursday during an interview with Megrahi's Mother and his elder brother that he made a phone call to his mother from his cell in Greenock Prison and said "I hope by Ramadan I will be with you."

Al-Megrahi added on the

phone that he was not officially informed of his release, according to his family.

When asked about her feelings that her son seem to be coming home imminently, the 95 years old frail but upbeat Hajja Fatma said "I do not close the house's door at all. I am expecting him to enter at any moment."

Hajja Fatma has not been informed by the family of her son's terminal illness out of fear that would cause her much harm at such old age. Al-Megrahi's mother will only realize the situation when she sees him.

However, she does look



Hajja Fatma, Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi's mother.

healthy and very upbeat but she is in a frail physical condition and has a hypertension. Her family decided it would be better for her health if she was not exposed to all the facts.

Tears in her eyes, Hajja Fatma described how she would meet her son after serving over ten years in prison in England when he arrives: "I would run

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