

**To the Honourable President of Doctors for Refugees  
Dr Barri Phatarfod**

We, detainees in Manus Island, are writing to you to explain our condition and request. This letter is also our complaint about what is called *crime against humanity* and that is happening in here. Before everything we appreciate very much for everything that your organization have been doing in favour of us.

We have been detaining in a closed detention for more than 4 years. Any bad physical and mental condition that can be imagined, have happened for us. Killing, suicide, dying, serious injured in body like losing eye, serious damage in mind like severe depression, and a lot of different problems that we experienced in detention. All detainees are suffering from PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Some of them never back to normal life forever.

IHMS stands for International Health and Medical Services. This organisation have also been working for Immigration policy of Australia. Many of the staff in IHMS don't work according to the Hippocratic Oath, especially mental health department. They just listen to what immigration people tell them. Hamid Khazaei, an asylum seeker in Manus Island, died because of lack of antibiotic, the Hippocratic oath, and also lack of Human Rights Charter in this detention. Faysal Ishak Ahmed also died because of lack of responsibility in IHMS.

Manus Island is a remote Island in PNG. According to the International law, when Australia sent asylum seekers to offshore, the condition of detention must be the same with Australia. In other words, the condition of detention in offshore and onshore must be the same. But, Manus Island is a malaria zone. Many detainees have contracted to malaria. Some of them are suffering from high humidity and for example they have been using nasal sprays because of asthma. Local people attacked to us in February 2014 and killed one of us, Reza Barati. In fact, it is not offshore processing, but offshore torturing. The government brought us here to torture and force to return to our origin country or to go to East Lorengau.

After the ruling of Supreme Court, our condition got worse. We have been living in limbo more than 4 years. Now, another limbo added to our previous limbo. In other words, we are also waiting for decision of PNG Supreme Court these days. The condition in here is in breach of PNG's constitution and in breach of our personal liberty. So Supreme Court announced that here is illegal and unconstitutional and must be closed but there is no deadline for them to close here. It has caused that another limbo added to previous limbo. At the moment, 20 months passed from the ruling of Supreme Court and detention is still running. Immigration department is going to continue the processing by the end of October, 2017. Breach of our personal liberty and continuing of detention!!! What does that mean? We are exhausted and tortured people for more than 4 years, not normal people. This deteriorating condition are going on and governments don't care that some human have been detained for this long time.

***The conditions that is happening in here, are exactly crime against humanity. As you know the article 7 of International Criminal Court lists 16 individual crimes. You know how many of them were and are happening in here.***

In terms of being free to go out, we should say that many people don't go out. They don't feel free and freedom in PNG. Some people who go out, that's because of exhaustion in their minds and bodies. Why don't they sign to go to East Lorengau? Why don't they want to resettle in PNG? They go out to freshen their minds and bodies. They go out because they have been hated by condition of detention. It never means they are happy to go out. Some of them have been exposed to a large number of assaults and robberies when outside of the detention centre which PNG police force have not investigated or

prosecuted anyone. There is no independent investigation to see what is happening inside and outside the detention. In Port Moresby sick refugees, who have gone for treatment, have been attacked by a group of armed men.

*All of us respect PNG and its nation, but we don't want to resettle in PNG. PNG is not qualified for resettlement of refugees at the moment. Two Refugees, Hamed Shamshirpour and a Sri Lankan refugee, died in PNG because of lack of responsibility in PNG. In fact PNG don't feel any responsibility for us.*

According to 19 July 2013 rule, that signed between Australia and offshore countries, PNG and Nauru , anybody that came to Australia by boat , must be sent to offshore processing countries. Not only did anybody send to offshore countries, but also many of them remained in Christmas Island and went to Australia around 3 years ago. In other words, people who went to Australia from Christmas Island at the end of 2014 , had come to Australia after 19 July 2013. They must came to offshore for processing because they were from our same boats. **Australian government broke 19 July 2013 rule for them but we are still detaining in Manus Island for more than 4 years. As a matter of fact, we are detaining in detention around 3 years more than our boatmates. It is totally unfair.**

As Tony Abbott Announced we were and are some part their policy to stop the boats. Malcolm Turnbull have been continuing that policy. In election campaign of Australia, 2016, Malcolm Turnbull said if we resettle them in Australia, then boats would start to come. It 100% means that we are here as a hostage not for processing. Because of this hostage-making policy people, who accepted as refugee, are still detaining for a long time. Is it 1951 Convention for refugees? When the reality of detention is not for processing but for torturing or for hostage-making, why will it have to continue? Australian government wanted to make an example of us to show to others not to come to Australia by boat. They made and are making this sample in cruellest way.

We took refuge in Australia. Australian government with cooperation of PNG government, brought us in here by force. They brought us to PNG like criminals. You can investigate how they brought us in here. As Supreme Court of PNG announced, here was and is completely illegal and unconstitutional. We know all responsibilities about us is for Australian government. In many media, Peter Dutton announced that PNG government is responsible for detainees of Manus Island. In other words, they are refusing to do their international obligations.

As you know, there are 28 countries that participate in UNHCR Resettlement Programme. Australia is one of them. PNG is not one of them. We don't want to resettle in PNG. **Unlike the claim of Australian government we don't want to impose ourselves to Australia meanwhile they are not happy. When they aren't happy to accept us, so we are not happy to come to Australia too.** Any of 27 remaining UNHCR Resettlement Programme countries are good for us. Peter Dutton and Malcolm Turnbull always publish that transferees just want to resettle in Australia. It is totally ridiculous. We said before and are saying now that we just took refuge in Australia because at that time we didn't have any other choices.

*After 5 years in detention Australian government have started new tortures against us. They cut cigarettes and many items from our canteen. They cut fruits, tea, coffee , sugar from us. They also cut toiletries, shampoo, soap, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. For a long time there is no shoes and clothes in canteen. In fact there is only food, water and power remaining for us. Although the quality of food is awful. Australian people have right to know where is going their taxes.*

Why have Australian government been doing those actions? They want us to sign for PNG or Nauru. They want us to give our responsibility to PNG or Nauru. PNG and Nauru never felt any responsibility for Refugees during the past 5 years. No logic and wise people sign for PNG and Nauru meanwhile many bad incidences happened for Refugees during 5

years. More than 2,000 leaked incident reports from Australia's detention camp for asylum seekers on the remote Pacific island of Nauru, more than 8,000 pages, were published by the Guardian. How can they expect us to resettle in PNG or Nauru while there were and are so many terrible incidences?

To sum up, as you know health is human right. The first step for health is hygienic procedures. They have cut toiletries from us and our health is in danger. Who knows? They may cut our medications. They gave us medications for one month. What will happen after one month? No one knows. Please send our voice to Australia people. Even criminals have been treated better than us. Who is genuine Refugee? We have been suffering for 5 years because we haven't been able to go back to origin countries. Even there is some principles for prisoners but we don't have.

*We appreciate very much for all your efforts in favor of us.*

**We, 190 signatories, are looking forward to hearing from you.**

Detainees of Manus Island

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CC:

- The Honourable President of the United States, Mr Donald Trump.
- Goveners of the United States.
- Humanitarian people of the United States and Australia.
- All politicians in Australia.
- World health Organization.
- Doctors without borders.
- All free people in all over the world.
- Many media in Australia and in the United States.