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Dear Sir/Madam,

**REQUESTING CONCERN ON GREIVENCES OF ARRESTED
ASYLUM SEEKERS IN UNITED KINGDOM**

We Hereby request to draw your kind attention to matters concerning Immigration, when we claim asylum in the UK. We have been arrested and detained for claiming asylum, hence treated as criminals. Many of the mates walk themselves in to the Home Office authorities to explain their matters and in return find themselves in detained without proper explanations for being detained. The officers who hold us they hand cuff us; we do not understand the difference between a prisoner and an asylum seeker. Also sending us to removal centre before we face our asylum interview that give us the picture that decision is already made to remove us even before they listen to our cases.

We are so much concerned if there are any rights excised in our matters. We have small children their parents, pregnant, old and sick inmates, people who have suffered from torture and rape in their countries of origin detained in removal centre just because of claiming asylum. Could we please have independent body come in the gap on humanitarian grounds to rescue us from suffering double torture. A torture we have experienced from our backgrounds and when we struggle to run away from it, we are mentally, physically tortured under the merciless hands of cruel home office in the UK who their interest is only on the amount of people they will send out from their country, without considering why we have left our countries, and they do not care what will happen when we are taken back home.

Women mostly have suffered due to vulnerability and still continue to suffer psychically, mentally spiritually and medically in this removal centre. We have had pregnant women brutally beaten, mistreated, handcuff in the presence of their children, when they taken to the airport by force, we wonder

if Article 8 is ever practiced in the UK by the Immigration. We thought there is a genuine law excised in so call developed countries that stands for women who have suffered torture and rape that they should only be detained in exceptional circumstances, and Article 2 and 3 that quotes about right to life, prohibition of torture and Article 5 state right to liberty and security.

Nevertheless, we have detainees who have valid visa in Removal centre, others have been detained for long period of time and no one appear to be concerned to treat them fairly. There appear never to have anyone concerned about what goes on with the detainees who have suffered torture, intimidation, beatings, death threats and attempts from their country of origin, for we thought we would at least have counsellors come in at times. The people who suffer mostly in the hands of cruel and brutal immigration officers are Africans and Asians among other continents thus evidence that racism is exercised so much in UK.

No matter how strong our strains are; our cases are refused systemically. We give our whole life story and a group called fast track by the home office deals with our cases inside 24 hours just to give everyone a refused answer. It is very disappointing and cruel that immigration officers made their decision blindly to refuse our asylum claims without doing proper investigation on the information and facts given in our cases and the political and social environments of our countries.

We feel let down and we request that should there be authority with a heart, they should please come to our rescue in matters of our Asylum interviews, case hearings and removals we are taken without notification, hence leading to more torture than initially experienced. We also feel intimidated in cases of removals that our mates are taken to Airports, their limited belongings in plastic bags without any consideration to allow us to access our property.

Bail refusals have become an issue for there is not anybody who qualify due to what they call Poor immigration history, no close family ties and friends, which we feel intimidated because we are foreigners where there are so many ways to deal with us than detain us in removal centres, we believe that is why the authority has reporting offices. This doesn't seem to be the reality, neither does it make sense, because we have people detained together with us who have families with citizenship and they also not granted bail on request.

People who can't express themselves in English suffer in this removal centre, because the interpreters are never available when needed, even during asylum interview. Also many of us struggling to complete the appeal forms according

to legal grounds and correctly as we do not have financial capacity to receive the service of solicitor because the list of solicitors given are requesting money for their service despite the fact that they are listed under legal aid solicitors. As a result many of us received Removal directions when we cannot comply with the limited appeal period of two days given under fast track system.

We are requesting for an independent body to investigate and listen to our grievances and put in to consideration our request and give us the justice. We eagerly wait for your kind consideration and response. Thanking you in Advance.

Yours faithfully
Arrested Asylum Seekers

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