



#FREESAEED

Saeed (not his real name) is a stateless asylum seeker currently being held in Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. His asylum claim was rejected on a technicality despite his brother gaining refugee status after lodging an almost identical claim. Saeed was refused the right to appeal in the Federal Court due to missing a deadline that he was not made aware of because he does not speak English. **Saeed now faces imminent deportation to danger and potential torture and death in his country of origin.**

Saeed has now been on hunger strike for weeks to protest his unfair treatment. He was sedated and forced through a tube in a Melbourne hospital, before being handcuffed, kidnapped and driven through the night with no notice given to him or his lawyer, to Villawood in Sydney.

Since March 21, a 24/7 direct action campaign has been sustained outside the gates of Broadmeadows and then Villawood Detention Centre. We have kept watch, held vigils, had discussions and teach-ins, painted banners, held a concert and protested outside the detention centre, as well as checking cars leaving the centres for Saeed.

Over the last few weeks there have also been occupations of and protests outside MPs' offices and immigration departments in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth.

OUR ASK IS SIMPLE:

At a bare minimum, we demand that Saeed has full access to his lawyer, that Saeed is given the right to appeal in the Federal Court, and for the minister for immigration to listen to Saeed's full story.

TUESDAY APRIL 11

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION TO #FREESAED

6 WAYS TO HELP

- 1 Take a photo of yourself holding a sign saying #freesaeed and/or #stopdeportations and share on social media. Do this by yourself, with family or friends, in your workplace or place of study. Leave your sign somewhere public for others to see!
- 2 Call Peter Dutton's offices (02) 6277 7860 / (07) 3205 9977 and Malcolm Turnbull's offices (02) 6277 7700 / (02) 9327 3988 to urge them to grant Saeed his right to appeal.
- 3 Print some of our flyers and hold a stall at a train station, your university, or any other public place to chat to members of the public about what is being done to vulnerable people in their name.
- 4 Screen the short video that has been made about this campaign - at your workplace, place of study or just show it to your family and friends.
- 5 Call and tweet at Qantas and Emirates - the most likely airlines that will be used to deport Saeed - to let them know you will never fly with them again if they are complicit in the injustice of deportations to danger.
- 6 Get creative - engage in any other action you can think of to raise awareness of this issue and put pressure on Dutton and Turnbull to do the right thing, and to create any media possible about the issue.

More info? Media inquiry? Want advice about how to help?

Support the campaign and get involved by contacting us at:

 'Free Saeed, Close the Concentration Camps'  freesaeedclosethecamps@gmail.com