



against all deportation: for the right to move and to stay

Deportations are occurring today. People are chemically sedated, packed on planes and forced to leave Australia. Some die during their transport. Many more deportations are planned for this year. Having succeeded in its mission to stop people from arriving in Australia by boat through shifting borders, using the military to intercept boats, and indefinite detention in desert camps, the Australian government has gone on the offensive to clear those who have already arrived without papers from these shores.

Last week 200 Afghani people living in Australia on Temporary Protection Visas [TPV] attended a memorial service for three Afghan refugees killed after their forced return from Pakistan to Afghanistan. One of the people who attended the service Habibullah Wahedy is now dead. He took his own life after receiving a letter from the Immigration department offering him \$2000 to return to Afghanistan when his visa expires in April.

Over 8,600 people live on TPVs in Australia. The conditions for TPV holders were tightened even further after the Tampa. The aim is to punish and deter those who arrive in Australia without papers, to limit the right to stay for those 'deemed' refugees to 3 years. After that each person must apply again, and satisfy the Australian Government that they are 'still deserving' of protection. This process will be repeated over and over without any hope of permanent settlement in Australia. DIMIA makes clear on its website the intent of the policy: "they will never get permanent residence. Their families will never be able to join them. If they leave Australia, they cannot return." The first TPVs expired in November 2002. Many thousands of people face the potential threat of deportation.

They are not the only ones targeted for deportation 1,700 East Timorese have been living in Australia for up to 10 years, in a similar legal limbo. They have been living on bridging visas. Now most having been rejected for permanent protection due to the 'changed situation at home' and face forcible deportation this year.

In detention centres deportations are the only road out of hell offered by the Department for Immigration. Afghani and Iranian people locked up in detention centres are openly being offered money to leave. Less open are the beatings, the daily humiliations, the physical and psychological torture used to convince people that for them in this country there is no hope for survival. The government recently invited a delegation from Iran to visit Australia, to discuss arrangements for deportations. To date the Iranian and Afghan governments refuse to accept people who are forcibly deported. This fact has not stopped the Australian government from writing letters to all Iranian people held in detention telling them to leave voluntarily or be forcibly deported to Iran. 500 Afghani people have to date not been able to withstand the lies and coercion and have gone.

Consent obtained through torture is not consent. Whether legitimised through legal or physical force of the state

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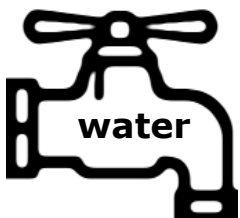
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No One Is Illegal has taken on the task of coordinating the provision of some communal water in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone at the protest. However this in no way replaces the need for people to self-organise and bring with them plenty of water for their own consumption.

An estimated cost of providing a water tanker for the weekend is **\$1500**. Obviously, this is a cost that will need to be shared. Donations to cover the cost of communal water can be made by **direct deposit** into cheque a/c BSB 063262 a/c no. 1026 6851 Commonwealth Bank, RMIT Carlton, a/c name no one is illegal or **post** to po box 432 Carlton South, VIC 3053.