

Dear Senate Committee,

The following excerpts have been taken from email correspondence over the last year between me and people being detained in Australian immigration facilities. I felt that their voices were the best way of portraying the effect that indefinite and arbitrary detention has on those being detained.

*yesterday it was 3 insident here. One guy he has jump through the window. He has lost his mind. And the day befor he climb a tree. The other 2 cut there self by glass. every one is getting so fedup with life here u know. some time i am planign to do. feel fedup with life and situation and then getting angry and thinking to break the window of any mirror and start cutting over the body to feel the pain and show the imigration that it is pain in my inside. its the feeling that i feel. The mental health team? Hahaha they are crazy there self.*

*to be out of the mind  
inside here  
just let us be free and live a life like human  
like u guys  
here every day is like one year out side there  
u know when i came here how i was looking and noe how i am looking  
too old and too crazy  
i am crazy now  
mental sick  
so i am afraid of future*

*i used to study english four hours aday but not now.  
iam really getting tired of stying in detention center.  
nothings look good to me.  
iam really having a terribe time here.*

*i was on hunger strike. u know i became unconciouse a couple of times.  
they took me to the medical for treatment but iam well rught now. i did not eat for 3 days.*

*iam really having a terrible time in detention.  
u know i have been here for nearly ten monthes.  
i have no other choice.  
iam helpless.  
all of us.  
who can fight against fate?  
i was not suppose to come here for enjoyment butv i came here to start a new life and to build a good future.*

*i came here last may  
u know, it is not so easy life  
some time i am really getting crazy here  
u know now it is 8 years that i am struggling for a safe life  
but i am failed  
i dont know y*

*what I want is to find a good job and work hard to bring my family here  
and to have my own business  
its my dream to have my own shop and nice house and car and horse  
u know lots of things to do  
to have a life like a human like u guys are having  
with out any fear  
peace and peace*

*every is fine but full of depression....  
the IMR is too much slow  
I am waiting and waiting for IMR.  
may be after 2 or 3 months i will have IMR. [It has been] 14 months  
they are so many people who are waiting about one and half year...  
we are the helpless asylum seekers appreciate you guys help and support  
[hunger strike] is the only thing we can do....  
and self harm is now a days becoming more common in detention centres  
because of depression  
and stress  
[It is] no possible [to speak to a doctor] all the time because about 1550 people here ..  
and a small hospital  
yap we want that [to see a doctor] but no chance for months  
It is same problem with nurses  
long long lists ....  
lots of people are sick*

*thank you very much i hope to get my decision this week and really i hope get positive  
because it's very hard to live here for long time ..u know i have been here 11. months  
ok i hope see u and thank full?*

*yah we are ok for now, and here is no protest yet, but some guys they are hunger  
striking from their rooms , i mean they are not eating food and sitting in their rooms,  
that's the latest news here, other wise every thing is ok here,  
yah yesterday i was good but today i am not really good, and i told u that they have  
rejected me after 10 months and i am really afraid of next time as well because lots of  
people have got rejected after 2nd time as well, now really i need the help to do some  
thing u know, and the strike its around 10 or more they have struck in their rooms  
and there was i think i am not so sure 2 guys that were beaten by guard..*

*one day of being in detention is similar to 1 year outside and it is the worst place i  
have never seen before  
the jail is much better than here  
u know that u sentence is 1 year or 10 year  
u have to stay in jail then u will be free  
but here the worst thing is that u never knows how long it will take time  
which makes every one crazy*

Regards  
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