

DEPORTEE GIVEN 10 MINUTES' NOTICE

On ringing the Detention Centre to arrange with a detainee to visit him the next day, I was told by a friend that Security had taken him.

According to the friends who witnessed the situation, the deportee's mother, had just visited him. When his mother left, the deportee went to his room where, according to a witness who saw it on the security cameras, he was handcuffed by four officers and removed.

Meanwhile, two of his friends were given TEN MINUTES to pack his bags, or rather, his bag.

They packed what they could find, namely some toiletries, etc, a couple of books and some soiled clothing that had been left aside.....

The cupboard in which were his clean clothing and any other possessions, was locked. On requesting the key, the friends were told that there was no time for that, as 'planes don't wait'....

No-one knew where he was going and there was no opportunity for good-byes.

When his mother was alerted and the family rang Immigration to ask what was going on, they were told privacy would not allow them to give any information, as the deportee had not signed any papers. They were advised to ring the following morning. On doing so they were told again that privacy did not allow them to give the information.

Later in the morning the mother rang again, demanding to know where her son was. She was told that he had arrived in his home country and was currently going through police checks.

Officially, a person to be deported must be informed of the departure date at least forty-eight hours ahead of time.

This person was already terrified of being deported....

Imagine his state of mind and his self image when he landed!

Australia, what are we coming to!