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Media reports about refugees and asylum seekers

Please note: some of the links to old news stories may be broken.

- [Situation now extremely dire for mentally ill manus refugees](#) Mums 4 refugees (Press Release)
- 31/01/19: [Behrouz Boochani has won a Victorian Premier's Literary Award for his account of living on Manus Island.](#) (SBS News)
- 30/01/19: [Catholic church calls for Manus detention deadline](#) (Radio NZ)
- 29/01/19: [Wife of detained Bahraini footballer begs world leaders for help](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 28/01/19: [Boat turnbacks critic not dealing in real world, says Dutton](#) (The Australian)
- 28/01/19: [UN to continue fight against Australia's border policies](#) (The Australian)
- 26/01/19: [Detainee dies at Sydney's Villawood detention centre](#) (SBS News)
- 25/01/19: [Melbourne detention centre denies babies suitable food, mothers say](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 24/01/19: [Nauru, Manus: They Have Suffered Enough](#) - Nick Martin (Meanjin)
- 22/01/19: [Yongah Hill treatment 'appropriate' ahead of detainee's death, coroner finds](#) (SMH)
- 22/01/19: [Statement of INGOs in Myanmar](#) (ReliefWeb). 17 international NGOs issued a joint statement today expressing deep concern for civilians in Rakhine State affected by the upsurge in fighting between government forces and the Arakan Army.
- 21/01/19: [Saudi asylum case prods Thais towards reform of tough refugee policy](#) (Yahoo 7)
- 21/01/19: ['We are in trouble': Peter Dutton's battle for the seat of Dickson](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 19/01/22: [Melbourne and Sydney immigration detention centres join hunger strike](#) (Crickey)
- 19/01/19: [Australians rally for Tamil family facing deportation](#) (SBS News)
- 18/01/19: [How a Visa for Asylum Seekers Could Grant Safe Passage to Europe](#) (Refugees Deeply)
- 18/01/19: ['You feel tortured': stateless man seeks to challenge Australian indefinite detention ruling](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 17/01/19: [Nauru doctor wins global free speech award for speaking out on offshore immigration](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 17/01/19: [Thailand signals more tolerant refugee policy after Saudi case](#) (Yahoo7 News)

- 16/01/19: [#SaveHakeem: Stop the deportation of a Bahraini refugee](#) (Green Left Weekly)
- 16/10/19: [Leeton Shire Council mayor Paul Maytom appeals for compassion on refugee debate](#) (The Irrigator)
- 15/01/18: 'I [don't vote until I vote!](#): Key crossbencher could spare Scott Morrison a [historic vote loss](#) (The Age)
- 11/01/19: [Qunun warmed hearts, Araibi still in the cold](#) (Eureka Street)
- 10/01/19: 'Brutality': [protests and violence at Melbourne detention centre](#) (Brisbane Times) But according to [Border Force there has been no mass hunger strike at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation](#) (MITA)
- 11/01/19: [Hakeem al-Araibi: Marise Payne lobbies Thailand to release refugee footballer](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 9/01/19: [Refugee motion splits councillors](#) (Bayside News)
- 8/01/19: [Rahaf al-Qunun: Australia will 'consider' granting Saudi woman a visa](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 8/01/19: [Three children remain in limbo on Nauru, but hundreds of adults still await resettlement](#) (SMH)
- 6/01/19: **Yet another beating on Manus**
 Extract from Behrouz Boochani's message on FB:
Yesterday (5 Jan 19) a refugee was beaten up by a guard on Manus. The guards on Manus and Nauru have been beating up innocent refugees in the past six years, over hundred times maybe. On Manus & Nauru there's nowhere for us to go when we are mistreated. We are standing outside the law but still subject to it. A human may be able to survive physical torture and prison, but he/she can never get over humiliation. When you beat up a refugee, you are not hurting them physically only, you're taking their humanity and identity. Humiliation is the ultimate torture.
- 4/01/19: [Afghan units led by C.I.A. leave trail of abuse](#). Victims and officials say raids are pushing people toward the Taliban (The New York Times International Edition)
- 4/01/19: [Government Continues to Pretend We Have No Air Borders](#) (Pearls and Irritations) *Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Immigration Minister David Coleman continued to pretend yesterday we only have sea borders and we can ignore our air borders. They announced closure of two detention centres ([see here](#)) without telling the Australian public that their mismanagement of the visa system will inevitably mean we will need lots of detention space in future if we are to ever regain control of the visa system and deal with the deluge of mainly non-genuine asylum seekers arriving by air ([see here](#)).*
- 4/01/19: [Australia should brace for a volatile year in foreign policy in 2019](#) (The Conversation) - Australia was increasingly [criticised](#) in various multilateral fora for its detention practices on Nauru and Manus Island