



News Archive

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Media reports about refugees and asylum seekers

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

- October 2019: [WMA Statement on Medical Age Assessment of Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seekers](#) (World Medical Association)
- 31/10/19: [The silent struggle of refugees in Indonesia](#)
Registered asylum seekers pitch tents in Central Jakarta; most were previously housed but faced little option following declining support from the Australian government and the Indonesian Organization for Migration.
(Jakarta Post)
- 30/10/19: [Queensland coroner orders Nauru refugee death inquest to resume for more evidence](#) (SBS News)
- 30/10/19: [This mother still doesn't know how her son died on Nauru, a year after she buried him](#) (SBS News)
- 28/10/19: [Manus Island has shut – but hundreds of asylum seekers say they're now stranded](#) (SBS News)
- 28/10/19: [How #SaveHakeem people power freed refugee footballer Hakeem al-Araibi](#) (ABC News)
- 29/10/19: [Hundreds of Commonwealth Games athletes and officials 'have asylum claims rejected'](#) (SBS News)
- 28/10/19: [Australia's immigration detention system is cruel and damaging by its very nature](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 27/10/19: [Mining company gets \\$20m contract to maintain Christmas Island detention centre that is holding four people](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 27/10/19: [Manus Island Refugees' Lives Of Misery Revealed In New Documentary](#) (10 Daily)
- 26/10/19: [Bangladeshi asylum seeker dies by suicide at a Lakemba mosque](#) (SBS News)
- 25/10/19: [Self-harm rates on Nauru, Manus Island 'exceptionally high'](#) (RNZ)
- 25/10/19: [Catholic preschools open doors to asylum seeker children](#) (Catholic Weekly)
- 25/10/19: [Qantas stares down activists on asylum seeker transportation](#) (SMH)
- 25/10/19: [Qantas Faces Questions on Asylum Seeker Transfers at AGM](#) (Australianaviation.com.au)
- 23/10/19: [Medivac sham weakens border](#) (The Australian)

- 23/10/19: [Australia 'coercing' Manus Island asylum seekers to go home](#) (RNZ)
- 23/10/19: [Australia urged to pay compensation for unjustified use of force in immigration detention](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 23/10/19: [Scott Morrison's captain's call inserts medevac critic Sarah Henderson as chair of human rights committee](#) (ABC News)
- 23/10/19: [Medevac is about health not migration outcomes](#) (Eureka Street)
- 23/10/19: [Women honoured at Qantas awards call out CEO Alan Joyce on refugees](#) (7 News)
- 22/10/19: [Christmas Island detention centre cost \\$27 million to 'detain four people'](#) (SBS News)
- 22/10/19: [The evidence is clear: the medevac law saves lives. But even this isn't enough to alleviate refugee suffering](#) (The Conversation)
- 22/10/19: [Fewer than one in 10 medivac refugees need hospital care](#) (The Australian)
- 22/10/19: [Dutton lashes 'back door' asylum seeker laws allowing medical transfer and says Australians have been 'conned'](#) (7 News)
- 22/10/19: [Bangladeshi asylum seeker dies by suicide at Lakemba mosque](#) (SBS News)
- 21/10/19: [PNG officials making brazen demands for kickbacks from Manus operator](#) (SMH)
- 21/10/19: [Up to 10 refugees remain in PNG despite Medevac approval](#) (SBS News)
- 21/10/19: [More refugees in Australia than offshore](#) (9News)
- 21/10/19: [Men approved for 'medevac' transfer detained in Port Moresby prison](#) (SMH)
- 20/10/19: [From wrecking ball to kingmaker: why all eyes are on Jacqui Lambie](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 20/10/19: [The challenges of gay asylum seekers](#) (Malta Times)
- 20/10/19: [Bangladesh says thousands of Rohingya agree relocation to island](#) (Aljazeera)
- 19/10/19: [Australian police arrest Iraqi man over 350 asylum-seeker deaths](#) (DW)
- 18/10/19: [Migration policy enters uncharted waters](#) (Inside Story)
- 18/10/19: [Meet the migrants speaking out about wage theft](#) (The Feed – SBS)
- 18/10/19: [Manus Island refugee dies in Brisbane](#) (RNZ)
- 18/10/19: [Lambie stays mute on medevac vote after Senate inquiry splits on party lines](#) (The Conversation)
- 18/10/19: [Labor and the Coalition are arguing about asylum seekers coming by plane. Here are the facts](#) (ABC Fact Check)
- 18/10/19: [Manus Island refugee doctor dies in Australia](#) (Cora Courier)
- 17/10/19: [Mentally ill asylum seeker sent away from promised treatment on 5,400km Qantas round trip](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 17/10/19: [Peter Dutton claims Australian veterans want refugee medevac laws scrapped](#) (SBS News)
- 16/10/19: [Peter Dutton blocks asylum seeker's 'violent' and 'criminal' dad from Australia as daughter seeks medical treatment](#) (7 News)
- 16/10/19: [Tamil family remain in detention as Australia mulls UN request](#) (Aljazeera)
- 16/10/19: [Kurdish refugee Behrouz Boochani warns of 'genocide' in northern Syria](#) (SBS News)
- 16/10/19: [Qantas faces mounting pressure to cease assisting government in deporting asylum seekers](#) (7 News)
- 16/10/19: [These asylum seekers want to give back by teaching others how to cook their food](#) (SBS)
- 15/10/19: [Iranian refugee Behrouz Boochani may no longer be on Manus Island, but he is not yet free](#) (The National)
- 15/10/19: [High self-harm rates among detained asylum seekers prompts calls for action](#) (Phys Org)
- 15/10/19: [Last asylum seekers exiting Manus Island](#) (9 News)
- 14/10/19: [Asylum seekers in detention 200 times more likely to commit self-harm than Australians, research finds](#) (ABC News)
- 14/10/19: [Coalition digs in over refugee transfers](#) (The New Daily)
- 14/10/19: [Asylum seekers have a right to higher education and academics can be powerful advocates](#) (The Conversation)

- [14/10/19: 'Lost ability to do basic maths': Asylum seeker number bungle means 'plane people' not a record](#) (SMH)
- [14/10/19: There's no airport border 'crisis', only management failure of the Home Affairs department](#) (The Conversation)
- [13/10/19: Peak medical authorities issue joint plea to save refugee medevac laws](#) (SBS News)
- [13/10/19: Jacqui Lambie rules out horse-trading her vote on bill to repeal medevac](#) (Guardian Australia)
- [13/10/19: Experts urge Senate to hold the line on refugee medical help](#) (SMH)
- [12/10/19: The invisible people](#) (The Week)
- [11/10/19: Australia-PNG need to find a solution for failed asylum seekers: UN](#) (ASBS News)
- [11/10/19: MANUS, the film, puts the spotlight on the government's total absence of respect for the stranger](#) (Newcastle Herald)
- [11/10/19: Papers reveal bumbles over refugee arrest](#) (Northern Daily Leader)
- [11/10/19: Do we really care about 'plane people'?](#) (Brisbane Times)
- [10/10/19: New approach to refugee support is a 'game changer' – says UNHCR's Gillian Triggs](#) (UNHCR News)
- [10/10/19: New refugee data centre can inform policies, solutions worldwide: Guterres](#) (UN News)
- [10/10/19: Asylum seekers approved for medevac transfers detained in Port Moresby](#) (Guardian Australia)
- [10/10/19: Manus Island detention centre to become a school](#) (RNZ)
- [9/10/19: UN human rights chief slams Australia for making asylum seekers 'convenient scapegoats'](#) (SBS News)
- [9/10/19: Asylum seeker processing wait time blows out to two years](#) (SMH)
- [9/10/19: Manus Island needs Australian restoration – journalist](#) (RNZ)
- [9/10/19: Coalition woos Jacqui Lambie to back migration character test crackdown](#) (Guardian Australia)
- [9/10/19: United Nations human rights commissioner criticises Australia's asylum-seeker policies](#) (ABC News)
- [8/10/19: Australia on track for record number of asylum seekers arriving by plane, Labor says](#) (Guardian Australia)
- [8/10/19: European Court: Denying journalist access to asylum-seeker centre violated right to freedom of expression](#) (the Spofia Globe)
- [8/10/19: 'It's time to act': Oscar winner Cate Blanchett gives a passionate speech about refugees at a UNHCR committee meeting in Geneva](#) (Daily Mail)
- [7/10/19: 'We all feel the shame and guilt': Aussie Canadians campaign to sponsor refugees detained Down Under](#) (The Star)
- [7/10/19: What the Safe Third Country Deals Mean for The Future of Asylum in the U.S.](#) (YubaNet.com)
- [5/10/19: Massive wage underpayments at major recycler a 'national disgrace'](#) (SMH)
- [4/10/19: Under Pressure, New Zealand Ends a Refugee Policy Branded Racist](#) (NY Times)
- [4/10/19: Acclaimed human rights activist compares Australian incarceration in infamous detention centre to I, Daniel Blake](#) (The London Economy)
- [4/10/19: The Fate Of Refugee Families Is In America's Hands](#) (Cognoscenti)
- [3/10/19: Jacqui Lambie should not horse trade on medevac repeal bill](#) (The Conversation)
- [3/10/19: Manus refugees in PNG hotel pressured to relocate](#) (RNZ News)
- [2/10/19: Public views on asylum and refugee policies similar across European countries](#) (European University Institute)
- [2/10/19: 'UN human rights chief must address Manus, Nauru during Australian visit,' psychologist says](#) (SBS Spanish)
- [2/10/19: Australia must stop discriminating against refugees with disabilities](#) (Mirage News)

- 2/10/19: Smoke and Mirrors (Harvard Politics)
- 2/10/19: UN urges Australia to release Tamil asylum seeker family from offshore detention (The Straits Times)
- 2/10/19: Asylum seekers transferred from Manus Island to Port Moresby being 'forced into poverty' (SBS News)
- 1/10/19: Manus men's 'dehumanising' detention continues (RNZ News)
- 1/10/19: Former teacher sues Nauru detention centre operator for 'devastating' black mould illness (Guardian Australia)
- 1/10/19: Refugee movements in South East Asia decrease, but threats on their journey rise (UNHCR News)
- 1/10/19: Manus men's 'dehumanising' detention continues (RNZ News)