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Media reports about refugees and asylum seekers

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- 29/08/19: [Fears asylum seekers transferred from Manus to Port Moresby will be ‘homeless, destitute’](#) (SBS News)
- 29/08/19: [Dysfunction in Home Affairs officially confirmed](#) (Pearls and Irritations)
- 29/08/19: [Journalist Ben Doherty says there’s ‘no justification’ for refugee detention](#) (Bendigo Advertiser)
- 29/08/19: [Manus refugees’ allowance and food rations stopped amid relocation push to Port Moresby](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 29/08/19: [Detention self-harm surge claim unclear](#) (Stawell Times-News)
- 29/08/19: [Refugee advocates encouraging people in detention to self-harm: Dutton](#) (SBS News)
- 28/08/19: [Raising Australia’s refugee intake would boost economy by billions, Oxfam says](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 28/08/19: [RACGP provides in-principle support for continuance of Medevac laws](#) (News GP racgp.org.au)
- 28/08/19: [Government slapped down for dragging sick asylum seekers through pointless legal battle](#) (Mirage News)

- 27/08/19: [People smugglers take control of Australia's visa system](#) (MacroBusiness)
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- 27/08/19: [Nauru's parliament elects Lionel Aingimea as president amid refugee crisis](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 27/08/19: [Nauru's Parliament elects former human rights lawyer Lionel Aingimea as President](#) (ABC News)
- 27/08/19: [Nauru's parliament elects new president](#) (Nine News)
- 26/08/19: [Australia's 'broken' visa system being used for human trafficking, experts say](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 26/08/19: [Asylum seekers held in Papua New Guinea blocked from talking to lawyers or doctors](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 26/08/19: [Spies suppress Australia's refugees](#) (The Saturday Paper)
- 26/08/19: [Home Affairs fails to back up claim Medevac bill saw spike in asylum seeker self-harm cases](#) (ABC News)
- 26/08/19: [Repealing medevac would be 'catastrophic' – Video](#) (News.com.au)
- 26/08/19: [Intelligence agencies warn of 'unprecedented scale' of foreign spying within Australia](#) (ABC News)
The stark warning from the nation's domestic intelligence agency follows accusations the east African nation of Rwanda [has a network of spies working to suppress political dissent in refugee communities](#).
- 26/08/19: [No evidence for Home Affairs medevac claim](#) (News.com.au)
- 26/08/19: [Only four refugees transferred under 'medevac' laws admitted to hospital: Pezzullo](#) (SMH)
- 25/08/19: [Labor accuses Dutton of losing control of Australia's borders 'at our airports'](#) (SBS News)
- 25/08/19: [Medevac repeal piles on the cruelty](#) (SMH)
- 25/08/19: ['Let them stay': Melbourne protesters call to save Queensland Tamil family](#) (SMH)
- 25/08/19: ['Australia is a bigger cage': the ongoing trauma of Nauru's child refugees](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 24/08/19: [Syrian refugees reunite with family in Italy after bureaucratic bungle](#) (The New Daily)
- 24/08/19: [Most Nauru and Manus Island refugees are sick, depressed – report](#) (The News Hub)
- 24/08/19: [Refugee legal services struggle to help 'legacy caseload' backlog](#) (ABC News)
- 24/08/19: [Asylum seeker reportedly airlifted from Nauru to Brisbane after self-immolation](#) (SBS News)
- 23/08/19: [Scrapping refugee law risks death: doctors](#) (The Senior)
- 23/08/19: ["Offshore Processing" in Guatemala: A Deeper Look at the U.S. Asylum Deal](#) (Just Security)
- 23/08/19: [Why medevac should stay: Kaldor Centre strongly opposes repeal](#) (Kaldor Centre)
- 23/08/19: [Refugee law repeal a 'dummy spit': Phelps](#) (7 News)
- 23/08/19: [Pakistani refugee on Nauru self immolates](#) (9 News)
- 22/08/19: [Three quarters of refugees on Manus and Nauru seriously ill, doctors claim](#) (SMH)
- 22/08/19: [Rohingya refugees shun Myanmar return](#) (Canberra Times)
- 22/08/19: [Ex-Nauru nurse urges Senate to block government's Medevac repeal](#) (SBS News)
- 21/08/19: [Manus Island processing centre set to close](#) (The Australian)
- 21/08/19: [NZ urged to lift 'unfair' restrictions on Middle Eastern and African refugees](#) (SBS News)
- 20/08/19: [Operation Sovereign Borders monthly update: July 2019](#) (Australian Border Force Newsroom)
- 19/08/19: [Dumping Medevac will lead to 'unnecessary deaths', Kerryn Phelps warns crossbench](#) (SBS News)

- 19/08/19: Talks under way to close Australia's Manus detention camp ([The Sun Daily](#))
- 19/08/19: [Advocates lash 'cruel' refugee bill repeal](#) ([Nine News](#))
- 19/08/19: [Fears fewer migrants will report family violence over deportation fears](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 15/08/19: [Schindler's List author compares Australia's asylum seeker policy to Holocaust lead-up](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 14/08/19: [Manus Island non-refugees victims of 'a farce'](#) ([RNZ](#))
- 14/08/19: [Australians raise \\$100k to resettle Manus Island and Nauru refugees in Canada](#) ([ABC News](#))
- 14/08/19: ['Having a job sets you free': Refugees' long slog to find employment](#) ([SMH](#))
- 13/08/19: [Protesters demand policy overhaul for Temporary Protection Visas](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 12/08/19: [Asylum seekers moved from Manus Island to new PNG detention facility, pending deportation](#) ([SMH](#))
- 12/08/19: [Refugee lawyers warn temporary protection visas are breaking people](#) ([Mirage News](#))
- 12/08/19: [Successful Mingoola refugee settlement program on hold as African families move away](#) ([ABC News](#))
- 12/08/19: ['We are a part of this country': refugees protest in Sydney over temporary visas](#) ([Guardian Australia](#))
- 11/08/19: [Gillian Triggs says 'vindictive point-scoring' behind Coalition's medevac repeal](#) ([Guardian Australia](#))
- 10/08/19: [Asylum seekers moved to a prison complex in PNG](#) ([Guardian Australia](#))
- 10/08/19: [The Sydney bakery equipping refugees with the skills to thrive in Australia](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 10/08/19: [The Kaldor Centre's Jane McAdam](#) ([The Saturday Paper](#))
- 9/08/19: [Former asylum seekers launch simulated refugee experience](#) ([ABC](#))
- 9/08/19: [Detention centre maltreatment revealed while Home Affairs avoids charges](#) ([Independent Australia](#))
- 8/08/19: [Refugees could be sent back to countries where they face persecution under proposed new laws](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 8/08/19: [Family facing deportation from Australia due to son's disability fear he could die if they leave](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 7/08/19: [Craig Foster welcomes corporate-backed social activism](#) ([AFR](#))
- 7/08/19: [This Syrian refugee spent months stuck in a Malaysian airport. Now he wants to bring 200 refugees to Canada](#) ([CBC](#))
- 7/08/19: [Mid North Coast Refugee Support Group concerned by MP David Gillespie's support of Medevac Bill repeal](#) ([Macquarie Port News](#))
- 6/08/19: ['They are cleansing our people': Melbourne Rohingya refugee shares life story of oppression](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 6/08/19: [It was the best of days; it was the worst of days](#) ([Pearls and Irritations](#))
- 6/08/19: [Migrants and refugees bring energy and dynamism, says Bishop Vincent Long at Brisbane conference](#) ([The Catholic Leader](#))
- 6/08/19: [Craig Foster's big gamble that paid off](#) ([AFR](#))
- 5/08/19: [Australia urged to help refugees stranded for years in Indonesia](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 5/08/19: [LGBTIQ Australians pressure Qantas on refugees](#) ([QNews](#))
- 5/08/19: [Visa character test change 'could mean fivefold rise in deportations'](#) ([Guardian Australia](#))
- 4/08/19: ['The land where we lived has gone' - the life story of a Rohingya refugee](#) ([Guardian Australia](#))
- 4/08/19: [Deportation of a Uighur asylum seeker to China temporarily halted after outcry](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 3/08/19: [Tim, seeking to protect borders is not hateful](#) ([The Australian](#))
- 3/08/19: [Humanitarian crisis in Maxmur refugee camp](#) ([Green Left Weekly](#))
- 3/08/19: [Five years on from 'the black day', Australia's Yazidi refugees reflect on IS terror](#) ([SBS News](#))
- 3/08/19: [Writing on the wall: Street artist Peter Drew tells his story](#) ([The Advertiser](#))

- 2/08/19: Destitute Refugees In Indonesia Show Australia Must Lift Ban On Resettlement (New Matilda)
- 2/08/19: Government moves to repeal Medevac Bill (Mirage News)
- 2/08/19: More Refugees Leave PNG shores (Loop)