Sydney Immigration Residential Housing
Villawood NSW

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I am Rahavan Yogachchandran, 35, Srilankan, father of three, is being detained with my family in Australian Immigration Detention since 12th of July 2009, currently we are being detained in Sydney Immigration Residential Housing[SIRH].

I have a daughter and two sons. Daughter is Atputha, 7, is studying in Chester Hill Public School. Other two boys called Abnajan,4,and Vaheson 11 months old. Atputha is studying very well and she is getting commendation every month.

My wife [Sumathi Rahavan] and two kids came from Oceanic Viking with 78 asylum seekers. As you know "then government"had a special deal with whom were on the board of Oceanic Viking and resettled 72 out of 78 in many countries. Sumathi and kids are trio in the rest of the six. 29th of December Sumathi and kids were flown to Christmas Island IDC and detained. Sumathi conceived there, when she was 36 weeks pregnant, due to lack of medical facilities in CI, Immigration Department transferred our family on 13th of August 2010. Then we had been detained in SIRH.

Since then we had been cut off physically from outside world, two statics put in our unit, one was in the road, our every movement were recorded, we were denied phone calls, we were not approved to talk to other clients who were our next door neighbours. All my family were traumatized, depressed and demonized by that rigid security. Sumathi had got Vaheson on 25th of September 2010. As last four months all restriction has been lifted now we are treated well, even though still Sumathi and kids have mental and physical complication.

I and Sumathi have positive refugee assessment meanwhile we both have negative security assessment by ASIO. SO consequence of the security assessment we have been told that we are not eligible to resettle in Australia and we should be detained until government locate a country to resettle our family.

We are being detained with kids more than two years we are God fearing people and law abiding people. Kids and we both are suffering a lot in detention, we do not know what to do, we have not been updated anything about our case. How can we survive with out future vision. We have not been reasoned why we got negative security assessment. How can be detained innocent people without time

limits and reasons and what is the problem we had with Australia in past to have negative security assessment.

Two times i met ASIO twenty months ago then i have not seen them to date. We lodged the application to review our ASIO assessment in AAT and Federal Court both had been turned down now. We have no choice. Our natural justice has been put to death and we became a political foot ball. We would like to meet ASIO every weeks or once in fortnight if we meet them as mentioned we can have dialogue with constructive manner about srilankan culture, tradition, ethnic problem, food and etc. It would be helpful to build up trust and confidence

Please try to understand our position we got three kids we are responsible to our kids' present situation and their future questions as well. As father i am accountable to my family i do not know what to do. Because i have nothing. If i want a toilet paper or tooth brush and past we have to ask SERCO static , we have to wear what given by SERCO. We have no choice to anything. It is the real power breaking and described our powerless shame full situation in front of my kids as parents shouldn't be in this kind of predicament. we have lost grip over our kids. I am worrying the consequence of the present it will engulf the future.

Every walls in detentions centers it full of notices about Human Right, Ombudsman and Child Right, nothing i have seen in practical. I have three kids the government statement that kids should not be in detention while all the kids moving into community detention why my kids are left behind? are my kids not kids? It is not Australian "fair go"

We want to know how long we need to be in detention or please let us free in community detention until our case resolved. So far we have been updated nothing by immigration case manager actually she is not updated from The Department there is a big communication gaps between. We do not like to get into mumble jumble we want categorical updates. Please consider that we are as humans, our situation is very poor and desperate.

Sincere
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