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Australia: Protect vulnerable refugees detained on Manus Island

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Minister for Immigration and Border Protection

Hundreds of refugees trapped on Manus Island in Papua New Guinea (PNG) are at ongoing risk of violent attacks and abuse. Hundreds of people have been trapped on the island for years.

The death on 7 August 2017, of Iranian refugee Hamed Shamshiripour is alarming as violence on Manus Island is escalating. Refugees have been physically attacked and verbally abused by some local people and members of the police and armed forces.

Moving refugees to a new location on PNG could lead to dangerous overcrowding and would place the refugees closer to local communities, risking an increase in violence.

I call on you to immediately:

- Immediately bring all asylum seekers and refugees to Australia,
- Ensure that all those granted refugee status have the right to settle in Australia or another country;
- Stop any actions or policies that put refugees on Manus Island at risk of further harm;
- Ensure adequate medical care for all refugees and asylum seekers suffering injuries and trauma;
- Urge the Papua New Guinean authorities to open an independent, impartial investigation into the death of Hamed Shamshiripour and other refugees on Manus Island, and into the reported attacks

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