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“Let Them Stay” Vigil for Baby Asha at Lady Cilento Hospital Brisbane Solidarity Protest Saturday Midday.

Around 30 people have already gathered at the gates of Lady Cilento Hospital as word spread of the action of hospital staff refusing to release baby Asha who was medivaced to Australia after suffering burns in an accident on Nauru. (Photo attached.)

A member of the hospital staff is expected to address the solidarity vigil soon.

Baby Asha was brought to Australia on 27 January just a few days before the High Court decision that ruled that detention on Nauru is lawful. The baby and her parents are now at risk of being returned to Nauru.

More people are expected to gather through the night in support of the stand taken by the hospital staff.

The Refugee Action Collective has called a solidarity protest with the staff for 12,00 midday, Saturday 13 February, Lady Cilento Hospital, Raymond Terrace, off Stanley St, South Brisbane. Close to Mater Hill bus station.

Staff have indicated that the baby will not be discharged until a 'suitable home can be identified for her'.

"The action by the hospital staff is a great step forward. Hospital workers have recognised that Nauru is not a safe or suitable environment for children," said Ian Rintoul for the Refugee Action Coalition

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