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Car Torched As Nauruan Locals Terrorise Refugee Settlement

Nauruan locals have terrorised a refugee settlement on Nauru.

Around 3.30am, Friday morning (16 December), refugees were awoken by locals shouting “F*** refugees; F*** Off; Go to America.”

Doors were bashed and rocks pelted at the converted shipping containers that serve as refugee accommodation at Nibok.

Air-conditioning units attached to the walls of the refugee housing were damaged as they were knocked off their mountings.

But in a new level of terror directed at the refugees, the locals torched one of the refugee’s cars parked in the settlement – see video attached. Some refugees with young children fled the settlement in the face of the attack.

“The latest attack on refugees has highlighted the urgent need for the safety of refugees on Nauru and the need for resettlement, for all,” said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition.

“Some refugees have been interviewed by US officials but there is still no timeline for resettlement in the US, and it is already clear that not all refugees and asylum seekers will be settled under the US deal.

“Refugee have been on Nauru for three and half years. Their safety and their future is Australia’s responsibility.”

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[View or download a video of the car burning on the web](#)

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