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Another Refugee Killed By Negligence and Detention

Like the death of Hamid Khaziae and Reza Barati, the responsibility for the death of the Sudanese refugee Faysal Ishak Ahmed, lies with the Immigration Department and the Minister for Immigration.

The statement from the immigration department says that the department 'is not aware of any suspicious circumstances'. That's true, precisely because the department is well aware of all the circumstances of Faysals's death and of the role the department has played in creating the circumstances that led to his death.

The medical negligence and the culture of dismissal so obvious in the treatment of Hamid who died in 2014, is just as obvious in the treatment of Faysal.

On Wednesday, the day before he collapsed and hit his head, Faysal told other refugees, that the IHMS doctor had threatened him and had told him. 'You are not sick...do not come to us again,' and, 'If you do we will not treat you."

Interestingly, the department's statement does admit to Faysal suffering a seizure. But Faysal had been suffering seizures resulting in him collapsing, for weeks without treatment

"We do not yet know the precise case of Faysal's death whether it is the head injuries he suffered or his underlying medical condition," said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition.

"What we do know is that he should not have been in detention, should not have been on Manus Island and was denied the medical attention he needed. Faysal is another fatal victim of Australia's brutal detention regime.

"It has taken two years to have an inquest into the death of Hamid Khazaie. Justice demands that the Manus is closed now - and that those sent who were sent to Manus are all brought to Australia."

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