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Critical Refugee Mother and Baby Medevaced from Nauru

A 22 year-old Somali refugee mother, Naima, and her premature baby boy, have been airlifted, in separate planes, from Nauru in emergency circumstances last night. Both were considered to be in critical condition when they left Nauru.

Naima underwent a caesarean operation on Nauru, yesterday afternoon, and the baby was born one month premature.

Naima and her baby were airlifted in separate planes. The air ambulance carrying Naima has already landed at Brisbane.

The plane carrying the baby left Nauru three hours after his mother was airlifted and was expected to land in Brisbane mid-morning.

“This emergency medical evacuation raises even more questions about the standard of health care on Nauru. The Minister needs to come clean on the real standards of the Nauru hospital,” said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition.

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