Refugee Action Coalition MEDIA RELEASE

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NAURU REFUGEES DEFY REPRESSION

Around 350 refugees from camps across the island have staged yet another peaceful protest on Nauru.

The refugees protest inside the Anabare camp began around 4pm Nauru time - photos attached.

Police and government officials monitored the protest. (Video of today's protest

The protest follows another assault on refugees at Ananbare camp last night (Wednesday, 18 March), just after 11pm.

Two masked assailants, carrying a baseball bat, on a motorcycle and a machete, attacked two refugees outside the camp. One refugee (photo attached) was struck across the back by the bat as they rode past. (Statement to Nauru police available on request.)

Yesterday's (Wed 18 March) scheduled court appearance by protesters arrested on 4 March was adjourned until 8 April after the magistrate listed 11 people, while the prosecution listed only 10 - including children. There is still no indication of what charges are being laid against those arrested.

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