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Another Nauru Attempt

A 21 year-old Somali female refugee, Hadon, has set fire to herself on Nauru.

She is presently at the Nauru hospital. The Refugee Action Coalition understands that an air ambulance has already been called to medivac Hadon to Australia.

Witnesses say she is badly burned - saying all her clothes have been burned off. One report says she has suffered burns at least as bad as Omid.

Hadon was one of three refugees snatched by Border Force office at 3.00am from the Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation last Wednesday morning , 27 April.

She was carried bodily out of the detention centre by Border Force officers.

The removals came in the early hours following the news that the PNG Supreme Court had found that the Manus detention centre was unlawful.

Hadon was brought to Australia in November last year - after suffering a serious head injury. People who knew her did not believe she had recovered from the injury.

"This is another self-harm attempt that is Peter Dutton's responsibility," said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition. "A vulnerable young woman who needed protection was a victim of a spiteful removal. She has been sent to the toxic environment that the Minister has created on Nauru. Tragically this was entirely predictable."

A crowd of refugees has already gathered outside the hospital.

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