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100 Days of Protest on Nauru: Sydney "Bring Them Here" Rally in Solidarity with Nauru

The Refugee Action Coalition will hold a 'Solidarity with Nauru' speak-out on Monday 27 June, 5-6pm, at Sydney Town Hall square to mark the 100th day of protest on Nauru. Details below.

Every day since 20 March, asylum seekers on Nauru have demonstrated in the family camp, OPC3 against almost three years of detention in in appalling conditions on Nauru. (Photos of the Saturday 25 June, protests, day 98, are attached.)

While Malcolm Turnbull boasts that there are no longer children in closed detention in Australia, but he wilfully holds children, women and families in detention in mouldy tents, and confined, with no future on Nauru.

Despite efforts by Broadspectrum, Wilson's Security and the Nauruan police to stifle the protests, they have spread to other camps of asylum seekers and refugees, since they began in OPC3 in March.

But, the daily protests are held behind camp fences because protests outside the fences are banned by Nauruan police who have arrested protesters and confiscated phones from refugees recording the protests from outside the fences.

"The last days of the federal election campaign has seen Turnbull shamefully channel Tony Abbott's fear-mongering about boats and refugees in a transparent and desperate effort to scrounge a headline and a few more votes," said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition.

The speak-out comes a day before the next sitting of PNG Supreme Court (Tuesday 28 June) that will consider consequential orders to release all asylum seekers and refugees from Manus Island and return them to Australia.

"The days of offshore detention are numbered and the determined protests on Nauru have exposed the abuses inflicted on asylum seekers and refugees on the island.

"The government won't properly fund Medicare or education, but it spends over \$400,000 per person, per year to keep refugees imprisoned offshore. Yet Transfield (now called Broadspectrum) is one of the companies listed as paying no tax in 2013-14."

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Refugee Action Coalition Speak-out: Monday 27 June, 5-6pm, Sydney Town Hall.

Speakers will include, Ken Canning (Idigenour Social Justice Association)
Alanna Maycock (ex Nauru nurse, defying Border Force Act)
Danielle Austin (Mums for Refugees and ex Christmas Is nurse)
Nauru refugee by phone
Wendy Bacon, journalist and co-author of "Protection Denied, Abuse Condoned, Women at Risk on Nauru")

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