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To: [\[HIB Distribution List\]](#)
Cc: [s. 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) [Philip BREZZO](#)
Subject: HIB - MEDIA ARTICLE RELATING TO THE REZA BARATI TRIAL [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
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MEDIA ARTICLE RELATING TO THE REZA BARATI TRIAL

Information current as at: 13:00, 19 September 2015

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- The Department is aware of a media article relating to the impending trial into the death of Reza Barati, during a disturbance at the Manus Regional Processing Centre (MRPC), in February 2014.
- The article states that an eyewitness to the death of Mr Barati, will refuse to give evidence because he says he fears for his safety.
- The identity of the eyewitness is unknown but makes further claims that he can identify several other persons who were involved in the incident that led to the death of Mr Barati.

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- The Department will continue to monitor the situation.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- 19:38hrs, 18 September 2015

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The Department continues to monitor the situation

MEDIA TALKING POINTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department is aware of a media article relating to the trial of two men charged with murdering Reza Barati, which will commence on 21 September 2015.
- The Department and its service providers are committed to supporting the Government of Papua New Guinea in providing a safe environment for all asylum seekers and refugees in the Manus Province.
- As this matter is subject to court proceedings, it would be not appropriate to comment further at this time.

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2015 8:44 AM
To: Portfolio Media Old
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) re: Manus 'wilful murder' trial over Berati death
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

UNCLASSIFIED

Hi guys

Can you please have a look into this one for us?

Thanks,

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Subject: Cleared talking points: Reza Barati trial [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: 1398 EN Sep 21 Manus trial over Barati death s. 47F(1).docx

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

See attached cleared talking points for the enquiry about Reza Barati's trial.

Apologies for the delay.

Thanks,
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MEDIA ENQUIRY

Subject: Manus trial over Barati death		
Deadline: ASAP Monday, 21 September 2015		
Journalist: s. 47F(1)	Outlet: s. 47F(1)	
Phone: s. 47F(1)	Mobile: s. 47F(1)	Email: s. 47F(1)
Enquiry Received (Time & Date): 8.44am Monday, 21 September 2015		
Media Officer: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		Media Ph: 02 6264 2244

QUESTION / ISSUE

Journalist asks the below questions for a news report by s. 47F(1) relating to the "wilful murder" trial over the death of Reza Barati on Manus Island.

- What legal or other support has or is the Australian government providing to former Manus RPC guard Louie Efi in his trial for wilful murder of Reza Barati on Manus Island on 17 February 2014?

- What legal or other support has or is the Australian government providing to Salvation Army subcontractor Joshua Kaluvia in his trial for wilful murder of Reza Barati on Manus island on 17 February 2014?

- What assistance has the Australian government provide to PNG authorities to identify and return two G4S expats workers at the RPC wanted by police for questioning regarding the death of Reza Barati?

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- What arrangements and assistance did the Australian government offer either of the two expats to leave Manus Island after the death of Reza Barati?

- Who was the lead agent that facilitated their departure from Manus, G4S or an Australian government department?

- Will the Australian government have legal observers attending the trial?

TALKING POINTS

- The court process relating to this incident is a matter for Papua New Guinea authorities.
- Australia will continue to offer assistance where required to the PNG authorities in this matter.
- As the matter is before the courts, it would not be appropriate to comment further.

BACKGROUND (*not* for public release)

- On 18 February 2014, Reza BARATI died during a disturbance at Manus Regional Processing Centre.
- Two individuals, Louie EFI and Joshua KALIVIA, were arrested in November 2014, in relation to the death of Reza BARATI and have been in custody since their arrest.
- The trial into the unlawful death of Reza BARATI has been adjourned for hearing on 21-23 September 2015.

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- Media reports in July 2014 stating that Joshua KALIVIA had been released on bail were proven false after investigation with the Provincial Police Commander.
- On 4 August 2015, the Provincial Police Commander confirmed that Joshua KALIVIA and Louie EFI will remain in custody until the trial in September 2015.

CLEARANCE:

Drafted by	Title	Time/Date
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Media Operations	10.30am Monday, 21 September 2015

Cleared by	Title	Time/Date
Kingsley Woodford-Smith	Commander Regional Processing and Settlement	4.45pm Monday, 21 September 2015
Mark Jeffries	AS Comms and Media	5.54pm Monday, 21 September 2015

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- What legal or other support has or is the Australian government providing to Salvation Army subcontractor Joshua Kaluvia in his trial for wilful murder of Reza Berati on Manus island on 17 February 2014?
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- Who was the lead agent that facilitated their departure from Manus, G4S or an Australian government department?
- Will the Australian government have legal observers attending the trial?

TALKING POINTS

- The court process relating to this incident is a matter for Papua New Guinea authorities.
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Subject: HIB - COURT HEARING ON MANUS - REZA BARATI DEATH [DLM=Sensitive:Personal]
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COURT HEARING ON MANUS - REZA BARATI DEATH

Information current as at: 20:00, 21 September 2015

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- The Department is aware that the trial of two defendants, charged with 'Wilful Murder' of Mr Reza BARATI, was due to be heard in the Lorengau National Court in Manus Province PNG today.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- The Department is advised that the Reza Barati matter has not been heard today, and has been carried over to recommence on Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 0930hrs (local time).
- The judge hearing the matter arrived at Manus today. During the hearing, the judge will determine how the case will proceed.

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- Clarification regarding which transferees are on the witness list will be sourced on the morning of Tuesday 22 September 2015.
- The Department will continue to monitor the situation.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The Department is awaiting confirmation on whether any transferees will be subpoenaed.
- ABF Manus continues to support the operations of PNG ICSA in the running of the MRPC and will continue to report back to HQ on the Reza Barati Murder trial.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department is aware that the trial into the death of Mr Reza Barati, was due to be heard at Manus Island today.
- The court process relating to this incident is a matter for Papua New Guinea authorities.
- Australia will continue to offer assistance where required to the PNG authorities in this matter.
- As the matter is before the courts, it would not be appropriate to comment further.

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COURT HEARING ON MANUS - REZA BARATI DEATH

Information current as at: **22:30**, 22 September 2015

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- The Department is aware that the trial of two defendants, charged with 'Wilful Murder' of Mr Reza BARATI, were due to be heard in the Lorengau National Court in Manus Province PNG on Monday 21 September 2015. However, the case has again been adjourned and will be heard on 24 September 2015.

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- The transferee has been s. 47F(1)

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DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- The Department is advised that the Reza Barati matter has not been heard today, and has been carried over to recommence on Thursday 24 September 2015.
- The Department will continue to monitor the situation.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The Department is awaiting confirmation that the only available transferee attends the

interview with the public prosecutor.

- ABF Manus continues to support the operations of PNG ICSA in the running of the MRPC and will continue to report back to HQ on the Reza Barati Murder trial.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department is aware that the trial into the death of Mr Reza Barati, which was due to be heard today, has been adjourned to Thursday 24 September 2015.
- The court process relating to this incident is a matter for Papua New Guinea authorities.
- Australia will continue to offer assistance where required to the PNG authorities in this matter.
- As the matter is before the courts, it would not be appropriate to comment further.

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From: [Kingsley WOODFORD-SMITH](#)
To: [\[HIB Distribution List\]](#)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: UPDATE: HIB on Barati case [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
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COURT HEARING ON MANUS - REZA BARATI DEATH

Information current as at: **17:00, 2 October 2015**

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- The Department is aware that the judge presiding over the trial of two defendants, charged with 'Wilful Murder' of Mr Reza BARATI, has agreed the matter be reopened on 30 November 2015, to allow the defence to call more witnesses.
- The case was heard in the Lorengau National Court from 24 to 29 September 2015, at which point it was adjourned, awaiting a verdict to be handed down at a later date. One transferee appeared in court and gave evidence on 28 September 2015.
- The two defendants, who have both pleaded not guilty, made a submission to the judge stating that their constitutional right to a fair defence was breached on account of the state-appointed defence lawyer failing to call on any witnesses other than the defendants themselves.

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- The Department is aware that ABC News online published an article on 1 October 2015 regarding the reopening of the case.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- **11:42 hrs, 2 October 2015**

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- ABF Manus continues to support the operations of PNG ICSA in the running of the MRPC and will continue to report back to HQ on the Reza Barati Murder trial.
- The Department will continue to monitor the situation.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department is aware that the trial into the death of Mr Reza Barati, will be reopened on 30 November 2015, to allow the defence to call on more witnesses.
- The court process relating to this incident is a matter for Papua New Guinea authorities.
- Australia will continue to offer assistance where required to the PNG authorities in this matter.
- As the matter is before the courts, it would not be appropriate to comment further.

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KEY POINTS:

- On 18 February 2014, Mr BARATI died during a disturbance at Manus Regional Processing Centre.
- Two individuals (local Manusians) were arrested and charged with the unlawful death of Mr BARATI in November 2014 and have remained in custody since their arrest, awaiting trial.
- The trial into the unlawful death of Mr BARATI has been adjourned for hearing on 21-23 September 2015.
- Media reports in July 2015 indicated that one of the alleged offenders had been released from custody. This was proven false and both alleged offenders remain in custody.

What is the current update in regards to the death of Reza Barati?

- This is a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the PNG judicial system.
- DIBP and its service providers are committed to supporting the Government of PNG in providing a safe environment for all transferees and refugees in the Manus Province.


BACKGROUND AND CHRONOLOGY

On 18 February 2014, Reza BARATI died during a disturbance at Manus Regional Processing Centre.

Two individuals, Louie EFI and Joshua KALIVIA, were arrested in November 2014, in relation to the death of Reza BARATI and have been in custody since their arrest.

The trial into the unlawful death of Reza BARATI has been adjourned for hearing on 21-23 September 2015.

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Media reports in July 2014 stating that Joshua KALIVIA had been released on bail were proven false after investigation with the Provincial Police Commander.

On 4 August 2015, the Provincial Police Commander confirmed that Joshua KALIVIA and Louie EFI will remain in custody until the trial in September 2015.

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Division: ABF - Children Community & Settlement
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Date last Updated: 3/11/2015 – 12:16PM

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) on behalf of [Ministerial Support](#)
To: [MO Registration](#)
Subject: FW: Barati matter [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 20 April 2016 8:38:38 AM

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From: Kingsley WOODFORD-SMITH
Sent: Tuesday, 19 April 2016 4:23 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Cheryl-anne MOY
Cc: DLO; Ministerial Support
Subject: FW: Barati matter [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s. 22(1)(a)

Hi, this is the detail from Manus Provincial Police Commander. Will update our briefing documents and get across to you shortly.

Thanks and regards


Kingsley Woodford-Smith
Commander Regional Processing and Settlement | Children, Community and
Settlement Services Division
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](#)
Sent: Tuesday, 19 April 2016 4:46 PM
To: WOODFORD-SMITH Kingsley
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) LUDWIG Vicki
Subject: RE: Barati matter [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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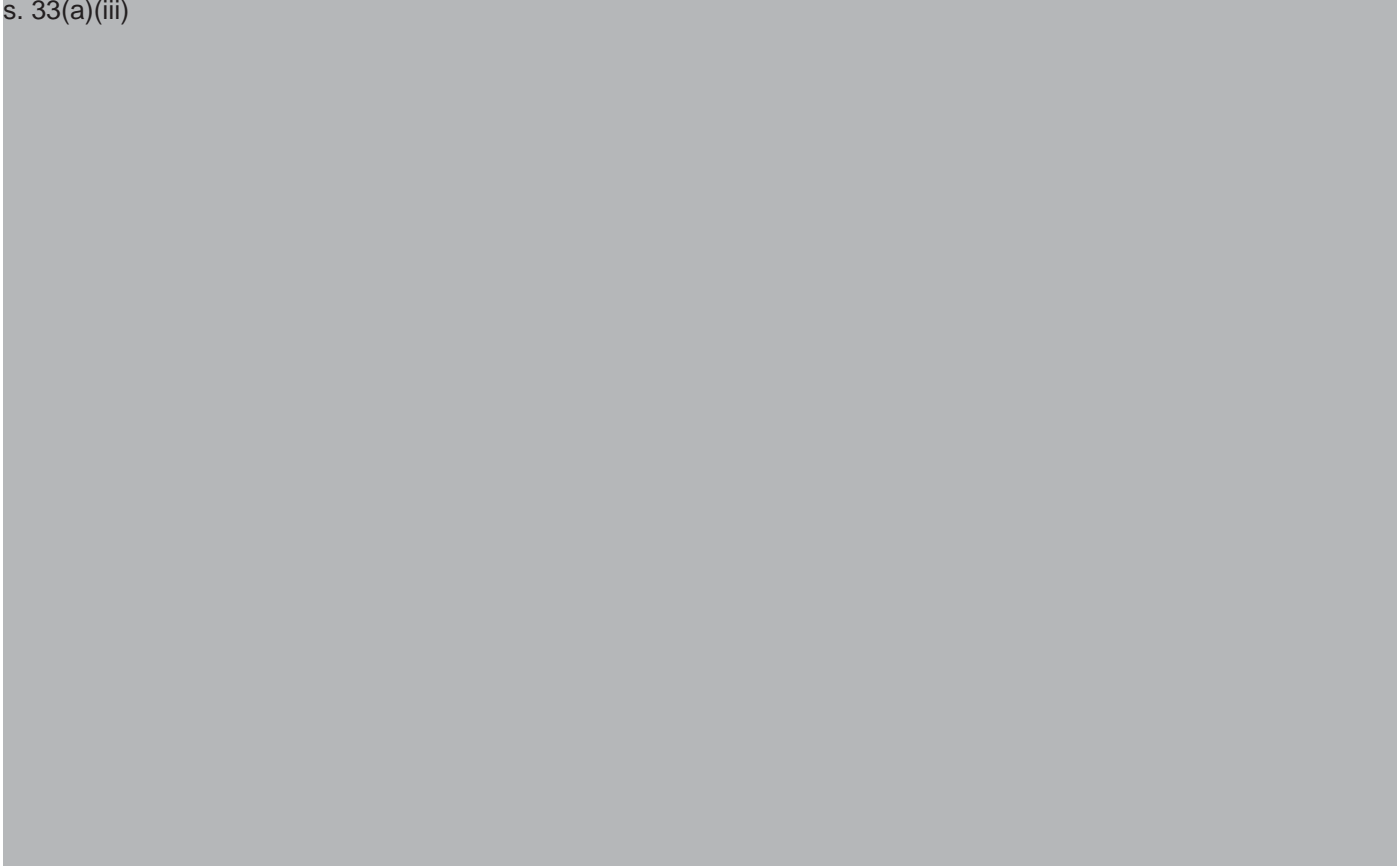
Hi Kingsley,

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Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Barati sentencing - still trying to confirm sentence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Updated first talking point below- we have confirmed the sentence.

- The Department is aware that a PNG court found two men guilty of the murder of Reza Barati and has today sentenced the men to 10 years imprisonment, with five years suspended.

Thanks

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Subject: Barati sentencing - still trying to confirm sentence [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Please see talking points re: the Reza Barati sentence. Please note, the line area is trying to confirm the actual sentence with PNG Police.

Media is reporting that it is 10 years with 5 years suspended (however no official confirmation yet).

- The Department is aware that a PNG court found two men guilty of the wilful murder of Reza Barati and has today sentenced the men to XXX.
- PNG authorities are responsible for the management and administration of the Manus Regional Processing Centre and the outcome of today's sentencing is a matter for the PNG Government.

We will keep you updated.

Thanks

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QUESTION: What is the Government's view on the outcome of the Barati trial?

KEY POINTS:

- I am aware that the Manus Province District Court found two PNG Nationals guilty of the wilful murder of Reza Barati in February 2014 and the two men were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, with five years suspended.
- PNG authorities are responsible for the management and administration of the Manus Regional Processing Centre.
- The outcome of yesterday's sentencing is a matter for the PNG Government.
- I hope that the outcome of the trial brings the family some relief.

On 18 February 2014, transferee Reza Barati was killed during a disturbance at Manus Regional Processing Centre. Two suspects Louie Efi and Joshua Kalivia, who were locally-engaged staff members working for G4S and The Salvation Army, were arrested in November 2014 and have been held in custody since their arrest (although Kalivia absconded for a short period in 2016).

Both men appeared in court before Justice Nicholas Kirrowon on 14 April 2016 and according to PNG reports were found guilty of wilful murder.

On 19 April 2016, the Court sentenced the pair to 10 years imprisonment, with five years suspended.

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Date first prepared: 20 April 2016
Originating Source: DIBP

Phone: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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From: Media Operations
Sent: Friday, 23 December 2016 1:22 PM
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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: For awareness - contingency tps regarding medical transfer from Manus [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: @

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

For awareness, please see attached draft contingency talking points regarding the refugee on Manus who is being transferred to Australia after suffering a seizure and fall.

The transfer is likely to happen about 4pm today.

We haven't received any media inquiries as yet, and the attached haven't been fully cleared however sending them to you for your early awareness.

Once fully updated and cleared, we'll send to the whole CC' list.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	TPs and Statement prepared re: medical evacuation from Manus	
Date	23 December 2016	
	Agency	
Media Officer	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	02 6264 2244

ISSUE

Talking points have been prepared regarding the medical transfer of refugee Mr ISHAK AHMED from Manus Island to Brisbane Australia which is due to occur at 1450 local time on 23 December 2016. A statement has also been drafted in the unfortunate event Mr Ahmed passes away.

TALKING POINTS

TPs in relation to the medical evacuation:

- The Department can confirm that a Sudanese male refugee on Manus Island has been transferred to Australia.
- The man arrived in Australia at 2015 and is receiving appropriate medical treatment. He is in a critical condition.
- A decision was taken for an emergency transfer of the man following life-threatening injuries he suffered from a fall.
- Beyond this, it would not be appropriate for the Department to provide specific details on the health of individuals.

Departmental statement if Mr ISHAK AHMED passes away:

A 27-year-old Sudanese refugee has sadly died today from injuries suffered after a fall at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.

The man is believed to have fallen after suffering a seizure which resulted in a serious head injury.

The man was taken to IHMS Clinic on Manus for urgent treatment. He was then air-lifted to Australia for further medical care. The man died XX at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

The Department is not aware of any suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and expresses its sympathies to his family and friends (if appropriate).

The death will be reported to the Queensland Coroner. No further comment will be made at this time.

Media contact: Immigration and Border Protection (02) 6264 2244

BACKGROUND (*not* for public release)

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MEDICAL EVACUATION FROM MANUS TO AUSTRALIA

Information Current As At: 0401 AEDT Friday, 23DEC2016

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- A Sudanese male refugee on Manus, has suffered a major medical emergency relating to a seizure and subsequent fall resulting in a head injury.
- It has been determined the refugee requires an Air Ambulance to Australia for urgent medical treatment.
- IHMS is providing ongoing medical assistance.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- 2250 AEDT Thursday, 22 December 2016.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Air ambulance arrangements are being sort to facilitate transfer.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS: (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department does not comment on specific details on the health of individuals.

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Tim Fitzgerald	A/g Assistant Commissioner Detention, Compliance and Removals	12.30pm, 23 Dec 2016	12.50pm, 23 Dec 2016
David Nockels	FAS, Detention Services Division	12.30pm, 23 Dec 2016	12.57pm, 23 Dec 2016
Dr Brayley	Chief Medical Officer		
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii); MO Registration; s. 22(1)(a)(ii);
s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE - Statement - Death of refugee
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Noted thanks

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From: Media Operations
Sent: Saturday, December 24, 2016 03:17 PM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Agnieszka HOLLAND; s. 22(1)(a)(ii);
s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Media Operations; MO Registration; s. 22(1)(a)(ii);
s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE - Statement - Death of refugee [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, please find attached and pasted below our statement on the death of Mr Ishak Ahmed for your urgent clearance. We were advised that Mr Ahmed passed away at 1420 today. We've had about 10 media enquiries so far, however they are unaware of his death at this stage. I believe an updated HIB will be issued shortly.

A 27-year-old Sudanese refugee has sadly died today from injuries suffered after a fall at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.

The man is believed to have fallen after suffering a seizure which resulted in a serious head injury.

The man was taken to IHMS Clinic on Manus for urgent treatment. He was then air-lifted to Australia for further medical care. The man died at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

The Department is not aware of any suspicious circumstances surrounding the death and expresses its sympathies to his family and friends.

The death will be reported to the Queensland Coroner. No further comment will be made at this time.

Thanks
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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TALKING POINTS

Subject	TPs and Statement prepared re: medical evacuation from Manus	
Date	23 December 2016	
	Agency	
Media Officer	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	02 6264 2244

ISSUE

Talking points have been prepared regarding the medical transfer of refugee Mr ISHAK AHMED from Manus Island to Brisbane Australia which is due to occur at 1450 local time on 23 December 2016. A statement has also been drafted in the unfortunate event Mr Ahmed passes away.

TALKING POINTS

TPs in relation to the medical evacuation:

- The Department can confirm that a Sudanese male refugee on Manus Island has been transferred to Australia.
- The man arrived in Australia at 2015 and is receiving appropriate medical treatment. He is in a critical condition.
- A decision was taken for an emergency transfer of the man following life-threatening injuries he suffered from a fall.
- Beyond this, it would not be appropriate for the Department to provide specific details on the health of individuals.

Departmental statement when Mr ISHAK AHMED passes away:

A 27-year-old Sudanese refugee has sadly died today from injuries suffered after a fall at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.

The man is believed to have fallen after suffering a seizure which resulted in a serious head injury.

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Media contact: Immigration and Border Protection (02) 6264 2244

BACKGROUND (not for public release)

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

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MEDICAL EVACUATION FROM MANUS TO AUSTRALIA

Information Current As At: 0401 AEDT Friday, 23DEC2016

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- A Sudanese male refugee on Manus, has suffered a major medical emergency relating to a seizure and subsequent fall resulting in a head injury.
- It has been determined the refugee requires an Air Ambulance to Australia for urgent medical treatment.
- IHMS is providing ongoing medical assistance.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- 2250 AEDT Thursday, 22 December 2016.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Air ambulance arrangements are being sort to facilitate transfer.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS: (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department does not comment on specific details on the health of individuals.

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To: HIB Distribution List
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Subject: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE - 24DEC2016 [~~SEC-PROTECTED~~, DLM=Sensitive]

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HOT ISSUES BRIEF

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DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE

Information Current As At: 15:30 AEDT Saturday, 24DEC2016

NATURE OF ISSUE:

- At 22:50 PNG local time on 22 December 2016, a Sudanese male refugee suffered a seizure and subsequent fall resulting in a head injury, at the Manus Regional Processing Centre (MRPC).
- The refugee was reported to be in a critical condition and arrangements were made for an air ambulance to transfer him to Australia for urgent medical treatment.
- The refugee boarded the air ambulance at 17:07 PNG local time and arrived at the Royal Brisbane Hospital at 00:33 Brisbane local time this morning.
- At 13:30 the Department was advised that the refugee passed away at 13:20 Brisbane local time at the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

- 13:20 AEST Saturday, 24 December 2016.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The Department is progressing efforts to contact the next of kin.
- Notifications are being made to Comcare and the Immigration Ombudsman.
- The RBWH are making relevant notifications to the Coroner.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS: (UNCLASSIFIED)

- The Department of Immigration and Border Protection is aware of the tragic death of a Sudanese refugee who was accommodated at the Manus Regional Processing Centre.
- The cause of death was an injury sustained through an accidental fall.
- Australian Government representatives remain in close contact with the Papua New Guinea Government, who are managing the situation.
- More information will be available in due course.
- Media Operations have issued a statement.

Contact officer:	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Authorised by:	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cleared by:	Vanessa Holben & Vicki Ludwig		s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Media:	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) A/g Assistant Secretary Comms and Media	02 6264 2244	s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Media Operations
Sent: Monday, 26 December 2016 12:00 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: FW: faysal ahmed [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Will call you about this one.

Thanks
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 27 December 2016 12:00 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1)
[SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Yep

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 11:48 AM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Media Operations
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

I'm happy. s. 22(1)(a)(ii)?

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Director Media
Executive Division 1 Corporate Group
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 11:27 AM AUS Eastern Standard Time
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Media Operations
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

No worries, I'll circulate the article and look into the background of the form/medical history.

Just to clarify, is the below response good to go back to s. 47F(1)

The Department is saddened by the tragic death of Mr Ahmed and expresses its sympathies to his family and friends.

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As this matter is currently before the Queensland Coroner it is not appropriate to make further comment at this time.

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @border.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 27 December 2016 11:23 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

That's consistent with what's in the statement and given it's before the Coroner, I'm reluctant to litigate the adequacy (or otherwise) of his medical treatment in the media. It might be useful to request some updated background information though - it might well have already been auctioned but I haven't seen it. Could you shoot the SMH clip around as media monitoring? Ta.

Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director Media
Executive Division 1 Corporate Group
Department of Immigration and Border Protection
M: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) – FYI

Enquiry below - for the news tonight.

As discussed. I think we responded to s. 47F(1) saying 'no further comment' however perhaps we say something like:

The Department is saddened by the tragic death of Mr Ahmed and expresses its sympathies to his family and friends.

As this matter is currently before the Queensland Coroner it is not appropriate to make further comment at this time.

Just feel like this is a bit better than "The Department said it had no further comment".

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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal - s. 47F(1) - Faysal Ahmed [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

See below from s. 47F(1) . Seems a strange enquiry, a parliamentary enquiry wouldn't be up to the Department...?

Happy for me to go back and say this and provide a link to our statement?

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]

Another one.


I have a response in the works relating to contact with the family and repatriation and will flick it through shortly.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Media Operations; MO
Registration; s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FOR NOTING: EN Faysad Ahmed - contact with family and repatriation - various
[SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: @

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

(Two enquiries attached)

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Best Regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Media Operations
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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, 27 December 2016 3:51 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: FOR NOTING: EN Faysad Ahmed - contact with family and repatriation - various [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

The answer should be....

Claims by advocates that the Department failed to contact the mans family are both unhelpful and untrue.

As the Department has stated this has been referred to the coroner and we will not be commenting further.

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To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Subject: UPDATE: FOR NOTING: EN Faysad Ahmed - contact with family and repatriation - various [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: @

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

s. 47F(1)

This is reflected in the updated TPs attached, however I don't think this changes our response.

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 Operations; MO Registration; s. 22(1)(a)(ii); s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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TALKING POINTS

Subject	Faysel Ahmed
Date	27 December 2016
	Agency
Media Officer	s. 22(1)(a)(ii) 02 6264 2244

ISSUE

Significant media interest in the death of Faysel Ahmed, a refugee on Manus Island.

TALKING POINTS

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s. 47F(1)



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Vanessa Holben	Commander Detention Operations	1:30pm, Tue 27 Dec 2016	1:41pm, Tue 27 Dec 2016
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)	Director, Media Operations	1:55pm, Tue 27 Dec 2016	2:12pm, Tue 27 Dec 2016

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Subject: RE: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE - 24DEC2016
~~[SEC=PROTECTED]~~, DLM=Sensitive] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hey guys

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) has asked for this too but we are still yet to receive it. We would appreciate it ASAP please.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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To: Media Operations
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE - 24DEC2016
~~[SEC=PROTECTED]~~, DLM=Sensitive] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi guys

Can we please get a full chronology of his medical history and treatment please.

Thanks, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: HIB Distribution List
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Subject: HOT ISSUES BRIEF - DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE - 24DEC2016 [SEC=PROTECTED]
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DEATH OF A MANUS REFUGEE

Information Current As At: 15:30 AEDT Saturday, 24DEC2016

NATURE OF ISSUE:

s. 47F(1)

DATE AND TIME OF EVENT:

s. 47F(1)

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); MO Registration; Media Operations
Subject: AS REQUESTED: Complaint form validit and history - Mr Faysal Ahmed [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: @

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Sorry for the delay.

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PDF – A summary of requests made by Mr Ahmed.

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Sent: Tuesday, 27 December 2016 11:22 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media Operations
Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Faysal Ishak Ahmed - s. 47F(1) [SEC=DLM-ONLY:For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Welfare Services, Manus RPC

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 29 December 2016 7:07 PM
To: IMRT
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Attachments: Faysal Request.jpg; BRF063 - 2016.10.23 FC7184a.pdf; BRF063 - 2016.12.04 FC7505a.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi IMRT,

s. 47F(1)

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Operations Lead – Manus

Australian Border Force (ABF)

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From: Manus Operations [mailto:s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com]
Sent: Thursday, 29 December 2016 1:37 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) sent me a request yesterday about the attached complaint. Note the response below from the Complaints team. I have also added a couple of his recent complaints that we did received recently. s. 47F(1)

The last complaint received by Faysal was s. 47F(1).

Let me

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Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Operations Manager | Manus Island Regional Processing Centre

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E s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [broadpectrum.com](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com)

From: ManusF&CC

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 12:40 PM

To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@broadpectrum.com](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com)>

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@broadpectrum.com](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com)>

Subject: RE: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 47F(1)

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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M s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

E s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@broadpectrum.com](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com)

From: Manus Operations

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 12:13 PM

To: manuscomplaints

Subject: FW: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii) can you have a look and let me know if we have a record of receiving the Faysal Request attached please, if we have any record of receiving it and if we did can you just check the details around any response by IHMS.

Regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@border.gov.au)

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 11:30 AM

To: Manus Operations s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@broadpectrum.com](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@broadpectrum.com)>

Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@border.gov.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@border.gov.au)>

Subject: FW: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I understand you want all enquiries to go via Immiquery, which for all complaints we have done so.

However, on this occasion can we check with Complaints team if they received the copy which is subject of media reporting? Just want to confirm it was received and the FC reference. Media article link below.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: Manus HSM s. 22(1)(a)(ii) [@ihms.com.au](mailto:s.22(1)(a)(ii)@ihms.com.au)
Sent: Wednesday, 28 December 2016 10:57 AM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); Manus HSM; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: SMH report [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the below information.

I am unable to confirm whether we received the complaint pictured in this article as it does not have an FC number allocated to it, I can therefore only assume it had not, when it was photographed, been submitted to BRS for processing.

If you are able to confirm with the Complaints team whether it was received by them?

I cannot check Faysal's record as it has been locked, but according to our complaints register, the last complaint we received from him was on the s. 47F(1)

Cheers

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As discussed, the following link is where the complaint letter appeared. Can you advise if you received and, if so, provide us with your response.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/dont-wait-treating-me--manus-detainee-faysal-ahmeds-final-desperate-plea-for-help-20161226-gti2j5.html>

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Cc: s. 22(1)(a)(ii); MO Registration; Media Operations
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Attachments: @

Hi again s. 22(1)(a)(ii),

Unsure if this has already been briefed through other channels, however attached is the medical history summary for Mr Ahmed for your background.

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From: Media Operations
Sent: Friday, 30 December 2016 2:39 PM
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Subject: AS REQUESTED: Complaint form validit and history - Mr Faysal Ahmed [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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