

Urgent Message

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Re: Forced Removal of Mohammed Alam from Heathrow, Flight number
9W121/9W272 to Doha on Thursday,
February 26th at 20:50hrs

To whom it may concern,

The UK Home Office are trying to forcibly remove a friend of mine, Mohammed Alam on Jet Airways flight 9W121/9W272 from Heathrow to Doha via Delhi at 20:50hrs on Thursday the 26th February 2015. This removal attempt follows just ten days after Alam was detained when reporting at the Home Office reporting centre in Glasgow. He was not given any warning of this and it has come to a shock to his friends in Glasgow.

Mohammed Alam has been living in the UK for the past 6 years and for the past year has been destitute and living in a night shelter in Glasgow. Despite difficulties associated with being destitute he has made a life here. He chooses to remain in the UK, struggling to survive with no income because the alternative of returning to Bangladesh is too high a risk and he is in fear of losing his life. Alam cannot find adequate protection in Bangladesh due to high levels of corruption and an abused judicial system.

Alam's legal representative have been able to prepare fresh submissions to be put in front of the Home Office to support Alam's claim for asylum in the UK. The only barrier to this being submitted is waiting for a response from legal aid. There is no reason why legal aid will not be granted, however, Alam needs time for this application to be processed. It is common practice for the Home Office to suddenly detain and forcibly remove individuals in such a manner as to prevent time for fresh submissions and legal aid to be organised as their overarching goal is to remove migrants under their racist and hostile immigration system.

I am calling on your airlines to avoid compliance in this forced removal and future forced removals that the Home Office may try to use your services for. The damages done to your airlines reputation, not to mention the involvement in human rights abuses should be enough to deter you. There cannot be any profit level that can justify this. Forced removals, furthermore, often result in the use of violence by escort staff and extreme trauma for the individuals being forcibly removed. This can lead to disturbances to other passengers. A relatively recent death upon such a flight is also a deterrent to involvement in this type of behaviour and practice. For individuals being forcibly removed to Bangladesh there has been reported use of hand and leg cuffs as well as individuals being wrapped up in blankets and carried onto aircrafts.

Please do not fly Alam on your airline this Thursday. The practice of forced removal is not an activity your airline needs to be involved with nor associated with. Furthermore, it is within the control of the pilot of the intended flight to refuse to allow Alam to board the aircraft and the pilot can make this decision at any point. I urge you in the very least to inform the pilot of the concerns mentioned above in this letter.

I appreciate your urgent attention and consideration of this serious matter.

Yours sincerely

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Address