

'Child M' Must Stay!



Child "M" (who can't be named for legal reasons) is aged 8. He is here in the UK with his mum, brother and sister. They face persecution if they are returned to Iran - they are accused of circulating Salman Rushdie's book 'The Satanic Verses'.

The British government has refused their asylum claim and tried to deport them - most recently locking-up the whole family in a detention centre - for 51 days! They have just been released and allowed to return to Manchester.

There have been recent reports in the press highlighting the harmful effects of detention on children. Detention can, "significantly impair a child's mental and physical health," (BID Report into the Detention of Children, March 2008). The Children's Commissioner called it, "an inhuman process," (Children's Commissioner, September 08). Home Office guidance says that children should not be detained in this way.

The family is making challenges in the High Court - but it is not enough to put their faith in the law. So they have started a campaign - "Child "M" Must Stay!".

www.childm.org.uk

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Child “M” and his family must not be removed from Britain and returned to Iran. It will be too dangerous for them.

What Can You Do?

- **Sign the petition**

We need to collect thousands of signatures. Make sure you’ve signed it! Take a copy and collect signatures yourself - they can be returned to the Campaign address below

- **Get involved in the campaign**

Come to our next campaign group meeting. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm, Gorton Mount Primary School Annexe, Mount Road, Gorton, Manchester M18 7GR. Come along! Crèche available.

- **Write to the Home Secretary**

This is one of the best ways you can help the campaign. In it you need to:

- include Home Office reference numbers: **G1158044, G1158044/2 and G1158044/7**
- ask for the whole family to be given leave to remain
- say why Child “M” and his family would be in danger if they are sent back to Iran
- express concern at how Child “M” and his family have been treated
- send it to the Home Secretary, Home Office, 2 Marsham Street London, SW1P 4DF

Please send a copy of your letter to the campaign.

- **Make a donation to the campaign**

These can be sent to the address below. Please make cheques payable to ‘Child M Must Stay Campaign.’

Child “M” Must Stay Campaign, c/o Gorton Mount Primary School, Mount Road, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7GR, Tel: 0161 224 5526