

UK

IMMIGRATION DETAINEES

Thousands held indefinitely

Tens of thousands of people are held in immigration detention in the UK every year, often in terrible conditions.

For almost all, there is no fixed time-limit on their detention. Amnesty's research has shown that indefinite immigration detention regularly causes damage to detainees' mental and physical health and has harmful knock-on effects for their loved ones left behind, including children.

The uncertainty surrounding how long detention might last adds considerably to the suffering and distress of all those affected.

The harm will continue, unless the debate on immigration takes into account the impact of the UK's immigration detention system on the lives and families of the people it incarcerates.

Immigration detention should only ever be an exceptional measure. Instead it has become routine.



SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

We will deliver your solidarity messages to people in immigration detention through partner organisations.

Individuals at Risk
Amnesty International UK
Human Rights Action Centre
17-25 New Inn Yard
London
EC2A 3EA

- » **Language:** English
- » **Salutation:** Dear Friend
- » **Suggested message:**

You are not forgotten.

Amnesty UK and its partners are calling for the government to introduce a time-limit for immigration detention.

We support your aspirations for freedom, dignity and a safe place to live.

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **Yes**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **Please include your name, but not your address**

I WELCOME

Amnesty UK is campaigning for the government to dramatically reduce its use of immigration detention and impose a time-limit.

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