



# Australians Detained Abroad

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## **Australians Detained Abroad supports Hakeem al-Araibi's immediate release from detention in Thailand**

Not for Profit organisation, Australians Detained Abroad, strongly supports the release of Hakeem al-Araibi from detention in Thailand, before authorities extradite him to Bahrain.

Mr al-Araibi fled Bahrain in 2014 and was granted refugee status and a permanent protection visa by Australia in 2017. He settled in Bundoora, Melbourne and plays semi professional soccer for the Pascoe Vale Football Club.

Mr al-Araibi has been detained in a Bangkok prison since November 2018, when he travelled to Thailand for a one week honeymoon with his wife. His detention occurred in spite of the fact he had previously checked with Australian authorities that he would face no legal risk by taking a short holiday to Thailand.

Mr al-Araibi holds fears he will be tortured and possibly killed if he is extradited to Bahrain, where he has been found guilty (in absentia) for a crime he did not commit.

Returning Mr al-Araibi to Bahrain would infringe his human rights under international law, and Australians Detained Abroad joins Craig Foster, the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, the IOC and FIFA in strongly supporting Mr al-Araibi's immediate release and return to Australia.

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