

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Minister Jaime Basílio Monteiro
Minister of Interior
Av. Olof Palme 46/48
Maputo, Mozambique

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Refugees, Asylum Seekers Held Without Charge

Dear Minister Jaime Basílio Monteiro,

We are deeply concerned about reports from Amnesty International that on the 17th of January at the Maratane Camp, in Nampula province, **16 refugees and asylum seekers** from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia were arrested without cause. Since then, they continue to be held in inhumane conditions at the Third Police Station in Pemba city, Cabo Delgado province.

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we urge you to ensure the **immediate release of the 16 refugees and asylum seekers** and allow them to return safely to the Maratane Camp in Nampula province. We also seek assurances that, until they are released, the 16 refugees and asylum seekers' conditions of detention are in line with international standards. This will include access to food, water, and adequate health care. Finally, we insist that your government refrains from deporting them to their countries of origin or to any other country in which they would be at risk of serious human rights violations, in line with Mozambique's international human rights obligations.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sierra Rae".

Sierra Rae
President
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Hayashi".

Brandon Hayashi
Vice President Equity
TRU Students' Union

cc. His Excellency Carlos Dos Santos