Doctors in Australia Growingly Treating Refuge-Seekers by Abhinav

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In a key development, it has been unearthed that many Australia-based medical practitioners are increasingly attending the seekers of refuge, several of who could be in the grip of some kind of mental disability, and who may be currently held at the many immigration detention centres of the nationâ€™s northern region.

In this connection, a concerned person was quoted as saying that three to five seekers of refuge are ushered-into the emergency ward of a renowned hospital of the region, almost on a daily basis. He added that such cases are not ordinary ones, as many of them happen to be suffering from one or the other kind of mental sickness. He went on to add that such patients time and again require interpreters even as the same is rather tough to locate. Meanwhile, the entire process becomes complex and cumbersome â€“ for both the patients and the doctors treating them.

He continued that while some of the cases unambiguously include psychiatric infirmity, other seekers of refuge turn-up with abdominal or chest pain which requires to be thoroughly examined -- notwithstanding the lingering suspicions that it may have something to do with oneâ€™s mental well-being.

He further said that doctors scattered across the Northern Territory of the nation -- which boasts of a mammoth aboriginal populace and the related issues of covering remote and secluded communities -- find it pretty tough to manage the extra requirements. He added that such people eat up a big chunk of valuable resources in a system even as it may be already over burdened.

Since long, certain groups have torn apart the policy of compulsory detention for those keen on getting asylum and who turnâ€“up using boats, via which several people are kept at distant and isolated detention centres, reportedly plagued with growing unrest. Meanwhile, another concerned person was quoted as saying that Canberra is concerned about oneâ€™s mental well-being at the detention centres. But he observed that those keen on refuge are not denied health facilities.

Post the collapse of a proposal to send across the seekers of refuge to the country of Malaysia, Down Under has agreed to shift more expatriates out of such centres, and into the community. He added that the government is also shifting increasing numbers of individuals onto bridging visas, which make it possible for them to stay and work in the community even while their claims for refuge are duly processed.

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