

# “England is the only place I can call home”

Abdi Ahmed (HO Ref: A1312117)



“Somalia is not only a deadlock and a place of conflict generating many refugees, but for me a country that I simply do not call ‘home’. I left the country when I was four years old. I have never been to Somalia since and my entire family is in the UK. I do not even speak Somali fluently enough to make my way around this

country that I only know through stories.”

Abdi grew up in London, went to school in London and all his family and friends are in London. The entire family has British Citizenship, his siblings were born in the UK and are all leading their lives in this country - not in Somalia. Grandparents have passed away; there is no remaining family connection in Somalia. ***Abdi’s life has been in the UK for the past thirty years, not in Somalia!***

Unfortunately Abdi was unable to apply for a passport - as his parents and older brother did - because of a criminal conviction for petty crime. Over the past year the Home Office has been trying to deport him to Somalia and Abdi has spent almost the entire last year and a half in detention being issued several deportation orders without actually having any travel documents, as Somalia is not recognised internationally. This situation of Abdi being left in detention limbo is highly unjust and cannot continue.

**We the undersigned request The Honorable Home Secretary that Abdi Ahmed should be allowed to remain in the UK indefinitely:**

Name	Address	Signature

Return signed petition to *Abdi Must Stay Campaign*: **10 Hindon Court, 104 Wilton Road, Victoria, London, SW1V 1DU.**