

ON APPEAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF NAURU

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BETWEEN:



**WET 052**  
Appellant

and

**THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
Respondent

### APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

20 **Part I:**

The Appellant certifies by his lawyers that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

**Part II:**

1. On 9 October 1990 the Appellant was born in Tehran, Iran.
2. In about 2002 the Appellant's father started physically abusing the Appellant.
3. In about 2009 the Appellant ran away from his parents' home in Tehran to the city of Zanjan and stayed with his paternal aunt. Two months later his father travelled to Zanjan to forcefully return the Appellant to his parents' home.
- 30 4. In 2009 the Appellant participated in demonstrations about the election.
5. In about 2010 the Appellant ran away from his parents' home to the city of Tabriz and stayed with his mother's distant relatives. Three months later his father travelled to Tabriz to forcefully return the Appellant to his parents' home.
6. In about 2011 the Appellant ran away from his parents' home to city of Mashad and stayed with his mother's distant relatives. One month later his father travelled to Mashad to return the Appellant to his parents' home.

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7. In May 2013 the Appellant's father attacked the Appellant with a kitchen knife and threatened to kill him.
8. On 28 June 2013 the Appellant flew from Tehran to Kuala Lumpur. He flew from Kuala Lumpur to Jakarta hours later.
9. In about September 2013 the Appellant left Indonesia by boat.
10. In about September 2013 the Appellant arrived in Australia and was detained at Christmas Island Immigration and Detention Centre.
11. In February 2014 the Appellant was transferred from Australia to Nauru against his will and was detained at Nauru Regional Processing Centre.
- 10 12. On 21 February 2014 the Appellant was subject to a "transfer interview".
13. On 26 May 2014 the Appellant lodged an application for Refugee Status Determination (**RSD**) with the Secretary of the Department of Justice and Border Control of the Republic of Nauru (**Secretary**) that included his first statement in support of his application.
14. On 8 July 2014 the Appellant was subject to an RSD interview.
15. On 13 July 2014 the Appellant provided the Secretary with information detailing Nauru's complementary protection obligations.
16. In about April 2015 the Appellant met Mother Dorothy from the Christian church through an Iranian Christian friend on Nauru. He began attending Christian services at the Menen Hotel in Nauru shortly afterwards.
- 20 17. In May 2015 the Appellant spoke to his brother Yahghob on the telephone and learned that the Appellant's father arranged for his cousin to be jailed as a result of a family dispute.
18. On 28 September 2015 the Secretary determined that the Appellant was not a refugee under the *Refugees Convention Act 2012* (Nr) (**Convention Act**).
19. In about September or October 2015 the Appellant was baptised at the Menen Hotel in Nauru.
20. On 2 October 2015 the Appellant was notified of the Secretary's determination to refuse complementary protection. On the same day, the Appellant lodged an application for merits review of this determination with the Refugee Status Review Tribunal (**Tribunal**).
- 30 21. On 20 November 2015 the Appellant made a supplementary statement, in support of his application to the Tribunal for review of RSD.
22. On 26 November 2015 the Appellant made further submissions to the Tribunal.
23. On 4 December 2015 the Tribunal heard the Appellant's application for merits review.

24. On 19 December 2015 the Appellant provided the Tribunal with additional further submissions.
25. On 1 February 2016 the Tribunal affirmed the decision of the Secretary made on 28 September 2015.
26. On 6 May 2016 the Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal in the Supreme Court of Nauru against the Tribunal's decision.
27. On 1 September 2017 Judge Khan of the Supreme Court of Nauru heard the appeal of the Tribunal's decision.
- 10 28. On 6 November 2017 Judge Khan handed down his final judgment dismissing all grounds and affirming the decision of the Tribunal.
29. On 20 November 2017 the Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal in the High Court of Australia.

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