

Curtin Immigration Detention Centre:

The Australian Migration Act 1958 requires that people who are not Australian Citizens or who are unlawfully in Australia to be detained. This may involve them being detained in one of Australia's many detention centres whilst their applications are being processed. People are considered to be unlawfully visiting if they have arrived in Australia without a valid visa, overstayed their visa or their visa has been cancelled if they are not Australia citizens. Whilst residing in a detention centre illegal immigrants must wait for their applications to be processed, this process may involve medical testing and interviews with government officials. The Curtin Immigration Detention Centre was reopened in June 2010, located at the Curtin Royal Australian Air Force south-east of Derby, Western Australia. The Curtin Detention Centre is used to house single adult male irregular maritime arrivals. Works are currently underway to upgrade the accommodation offered at the detention centre. The improvements include the installation of recreation buildings a gymnasium, mini sports field and dining rooms. As well as administration offices to help assist with the processing of visa applications. The Curtin Immigration Detention Centre has a capacity of 1,200 people.

The Curtin Immigration Detention Centre links to the context of encountering conflict as many refugees and asylum seekers who are detained in these facilities are normally trying to escape from conflicts. This could include a family fleeing from Vietnam during the Vietnam War during the 1960's and 70's or a family from Afghanistan fleeing during the current war currently taking place. Most of these families and individuals are trying to escape conflict occurring around them, but by coming to Australia illegally this can cause another conflict. This is due to conflicting views in Australia as to whether all refugees should be accepted into Australia without having to go through processing and being detained.

The Curtin Immigration Detention Centre links to the text 'The Rugmaker of Mazar e Sharif' as Najaf is also detained when he arrives in Australia. Najaf is detained in the Woomera detention in South Australia and would have therefore experienced many of the processes and day to day activities of those detained in the Curtin Detention Centre. Najaf went through several interviews whilst residing at the detention centre and was also involved in simple things such as helping clean up the dining hall after daily meals.