

New Zealand officials confirm name of Auckland knife attacker

Associated Press via [claiming he and his father](#) had experienced serious problems with Sri Lankan authorities due to their political background. He claimed they had been attacked, kidnapped and tortured and said the pair were forced to go into hiding.

He was accepted, and his refugee status was granted on December 20, 2013, after a tribunal found he had a well-founded fear of facing harm if he returned to Sri Lanka. But on May 31, 2018, the Refugee Status Branch served Samsudeen notice of its intention to cancel his refugee status – meaning he would be deported back to Sri Lanka – after a string of incidents in which he posted extreme videos and pictures online. He was formally warned by police in April and May 2016, and he apologised and closed down his social media account. 2018...Justice Edwin Wylie made a ruling under the Immigration Act 2009, prohibiting the publication of Samsudeen's identity and status as a refugee due to his concerns about his safety if he was deported.

The attack has highlighted deficiencies in New Zealand's anti-terror laws, which experts say are too focused on punishing actions and inadequate for dealing with plots before they are carried out. ..Police Commissioner Andrew Coster said the law officers were working under required a suspect to make the first move.

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