

# IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Support continues to grow for the Chowdhury family who are behind held at Yarls Wood Detention Centre - an Immigration Removal Centre that has developed some notoriety due to the large number of suicides and deaths in detention.

Students from Childwall School, Liverpool, today (29th March 2007) protested and marched upon Reliance House - the headquarters for the Immigration Office in Liverpool - in order to hand over a petition and a large number of letters that were gathered in one day in protest at the detention, brutal treatment and the impending deportation of this timid and law abiding family.

The Roger Phillips show on BBC Radio Merseyside took up the story and heard Mrs Chowdhury and her 17 year old son, Ishtiak describe their cruel and inhuman treatment at the hands of the Home Office in a tearful and harrowing live telephone link to the Yarls Wood Detention Centre.

The plight of this family has provoked outrage and disgust with the British Government in sanctioning such cruel and impassionate treatment of these people. Members of the public phoned the local radio stations and the students from Childwall School received public support during their protest with many passers-by offered their support and asking how they could be of help in assisting this family.

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Photographs and video clips available at: <http://www.edwardjkelly.com/choudhury.htm>

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