

"I wanted to give the case officer some news reports about my village which confirm my claims. She said that she did not need to see them because the Department of Home Affairs has all the information they need on my country. My lawyer had to insist that she took them. But I don't think that she took any notice of them because she rejected my case."



"The case officer and the Immigration Assessment Authority rejected my case. I applied for the court and the barrister said that there were several points where the assessment of my application had not been fair.

I won my court case. My case was sent back to the IAA for a new decision, but the IAA made exactly the same decision again.

Now I should apply for a Ministerial Intervention. I don't know how much it will cost or how long it will take. I don't know if the Minister will accept me or not. I have so much stress and worry. I have been waiting for more than 10 years and my family is still in danger. I need to bring them to safety."



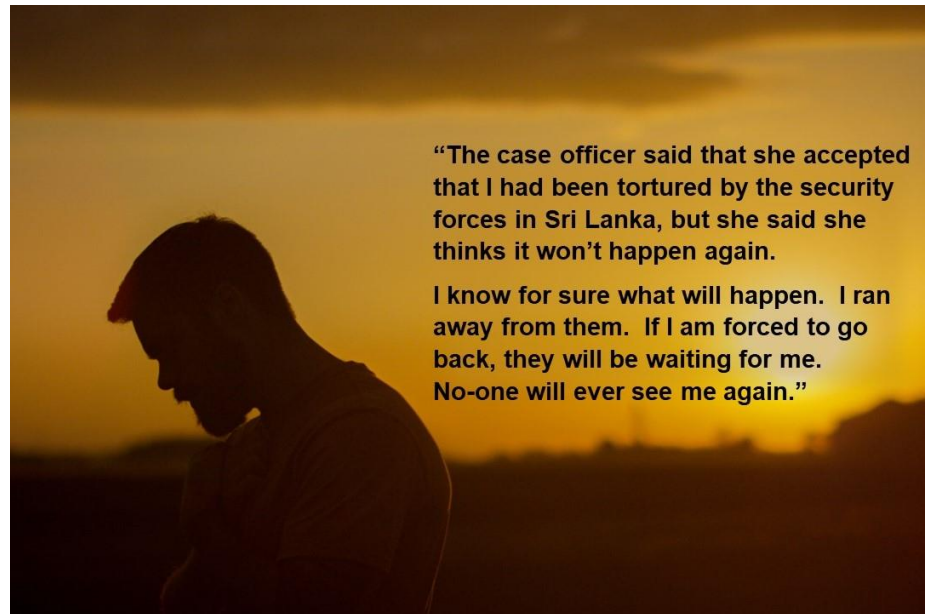
"Immigration said that I can relocate to another area in my country to be safe. They don't understand the way the social system works. I will have no connections there. My name and my words will single me out as being from a different tribe. I will have nowhere to stay. No-one will give me a job or do business with me. People will be violent towards me.

It is not safe outside of my tribal area because my religion and customs are different, and it is not safe inside my tribal area because the extremists come there to kill us."

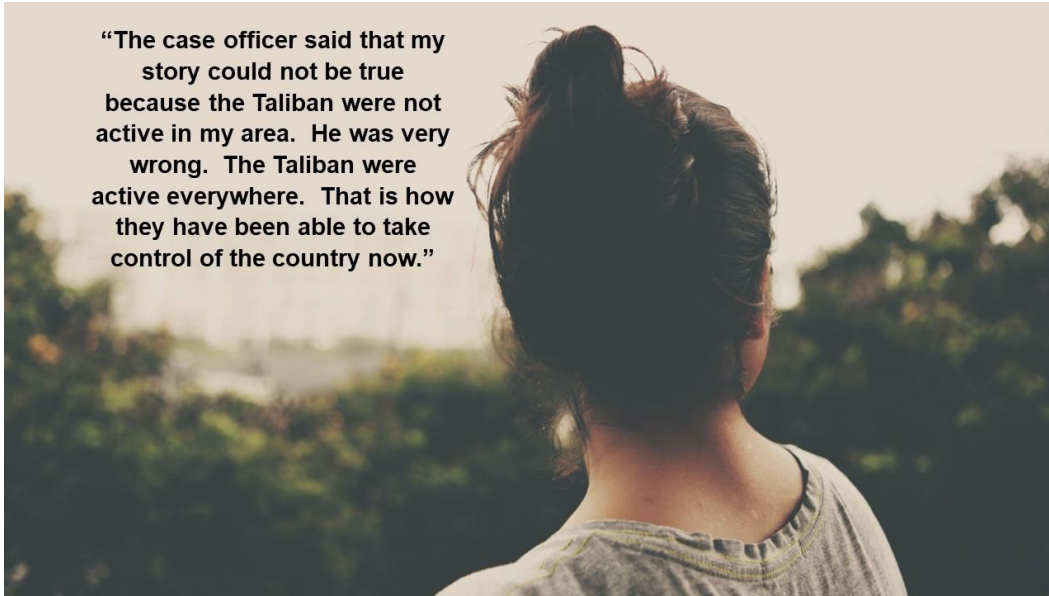


"The case officer said that she accepted that I had been tortured by the security forces in Sri Lanka, but she said she thinks it won't happen again.

I know for sure what will happen. I ran away from them. If I am forced to go back, they will be waiting for me. No-one will ever see me again."



“The case officer said that my story could not be true because the Taliban were not active in my area. He was very wrong. The Taliban were active everywhere. That is how they have been able to take control of the country now.”



“Home Affairs and the IAA said that I could just go to a different city to live, even though I have no family there. But now the Taliban has taken over the whole country. As I told them, nowhere in Afghanistan is safe for my people.”



“In my interview I was asked a lot of questions about the Bible. We don't have the opportunity to learn all the Bible stories in my country like you do here.

It is illegal to distribute Bibles there. It is illegal to leave Islam and convert to Christianity. We must meet in secret to discuss our Christian faith.

We focus on the important beliefs - forgiveness, mercy, love, hope - not all the individual Bible stories.”



“The interviewer asked me if I went to gay bars in the city where I lived. I laughed. If he thinks that there are gay bars in a country where alcohol is forbidden and homosexuality is punishable by death, then he has no idea what he is doing.”

