

# Isa Muaza granted more time in UK

Asylum seeker who was returned to UK in a failed deportation attempt will stay in the country pending judicial review

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Isa Muaza had been on hunger strike since September.

A seriously ill asylum seeker whose chartered deportation flight was turned back last week has been granted more time in his fight to remain in Britain.

Isa Muaza, who had been on hunger strike since September, was returned to the UK on Friday after a private plane meant to be taking him back to [Nigeria did not land in the country](#).

The attempt to remove him failed as Nigerian authorities refused the plane carrying Muaza permission to land, his lawyers said.

The 45-year-old, whose hunger strike reportedly lasted more than 100 days, has been detained since he claimed asylum in July.

His solicitors at Duncan Lewis have been granted a stay of removal for Muaza pending the outcome of an oral judicial review to be heard by the upper tribunal's [immigration and asylum](#) chamber.

Toufique Hossain, public law and immigration law director at Duncan Lewis, said: "We welcome this order restraining the secretary of state for the Home Office in relation to any further attempt at removal until the outcome of the oral hearing.

"This is what we wanted all along, and thanks to the home secretary's incompetence we now have it."

Muaza, who despite being 5ft 11in (1.8m) tall, at one time weighed just eight stone (53kg), claims he faces persecution from the militant Islamic group Boko Haram if he returns to Nigeria, but has lost a series of legal challenges.

He has said that he came to the UK for a better life, and would rather die than face removal.

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Following representations raised by Muaza's solicitors, the upper tribunal judge ordered an urgent hearing and that the home secretary be restrained from removing the asylum seeker until the outcome of the hearing.

The judicial review is to focus on the challenge to the home secretary's decision to certify his asylum claim and remove him to Nigeria.

Following the refusal of his lawyers' injunction to prevent Muaza's removal on November 28, the Home Office [attempted to remove him by private jet](#).

Since returning to the UK, Muaza has been returned to the medical wing at Harmondsworth immigration detention centre in west London.

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**Bolshiepamphleteer**

05 December 2013 2:47pm

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It is a mercy that this deportation was 'botched', but that mercy did not come from the Home Office. This case, and that of the Italian woman a secret British court forced into Caesarian section and then removed her child for adoption, shames us all.

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**YorkerBouncer** ▶ Bolshiepamphleteer

05 December 2013 4:16pm

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**dyatel42**

05 December 2013 3:05pm

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Ding dong the witch is dead!

Oo-er, the nasty party have unearthed a replacement. The lethal handbag is replaced by the "Death Stare"

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**MERAK355**

05 December 2013 3:26pm

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So minimum 200k, plus private jet and the rest of it.....And he's still here ? Another May success story !

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**BobJanova**

05 December 2013 3:28pm

Recommend 43

He's 'seriously ill' through his own choices.

The deportation was bungled which is a shame because it's wasted lots of our money, but that's not a good thing.

Hopefully if the tribunal says the original decision was right and he should go, the immigration lawyers won't be obstructing that any more ... but fat chance of that.

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**EspritDeCorpse** ▶ BobJanova

05 December 2013 3:40pm

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This is something you *hope* for?

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**Jannerlover** ▶ BobJanova

05 December 2013 3:51pm

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I don't think the Lawyers will turn down the opportunity for even more money and publicity will they?

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**EspritDeCorpse** ▶ Jannerlover

05 December 2013 4:12pm

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**Johnny Kent**

05 December 2013 3:29pm

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Another Home office cock up. How much money was spent on this attempt, involving a long haul flight turned back? There don't seem to be many brain cells at work somewhere.

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**ellatynemouth**

05 December 2013 3:40pm

Recommend 9

Save this man.

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**MrRealityCheck** ▶ ellatynemouth

05 December 2013 3:46pm

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Why ?



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**Acidfairry** ▶ MrRealityCheck

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05 December 2013 3:54pm

Because how fucking SCARED do you have to be to rather die than return to your country? Seriously? Have you no goddamn empathy?! We live where we do through an accident of birth, nothing more.

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**MrRealityCheck** ▶ Acidfairry

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05 December 2013 3:59pm

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**ellatynemouth**

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05 December 2013 3:43pm

There are UK born citizens like Ian Watkins the baby rapist who enjoy all the benefits of citizenship, then people like this man who are fleeing persecution and are treated **worse** than Ian Watkins.

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**ReturnOfZgee** ▶ ellatynemouth

Recommend 13

05 December 2013 4:09pm

If he is fleeing persecution why didn't he go to the nearest safe nation? Also if he fears the Nigerian state why did they refuse to allow him to return?

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**MERAK355** ▶ ellatynemouth

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05 December 2013 4:34pm

What a stupid mixing up of oranges, pears and bananas. There were a dozen other places he could have 'fled persecution' to.

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**IJMO1** ▶ ellatynemouth

Recommend 1

05 December 2013 9:26pm

He only realised he was in danger of persecution and needed asylum when his visitor visa ran out and the Home Office refused to renew it.

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**Joe Turner**

Recommend 3

05 December 2013 3:46pm

I wonder why the plane was turned back by the Nigerians. Does that mean he is effectively stateless?

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**MrRealityCheck**

Recommend 17

05 December 2013 3:46pm

So the miracle of a 100 day hunger strike that didn't result in death, is over? Give it a week and you'll be fine to fly, may even give you time to think of what the next blackmail action is going to be in order to ignore the court rulings on this case.

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**Benitachell**

Recommend 4

05 December 2013 3:48pm

Now he can look forward to a nice Christmas dinner.

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**MERAK355** ▶ Benitachell

Recommend 0

05 December 2013 11:24pm

And a free house.

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**Kerrygold**

05 December 2013 3:49pm

Recommend 11

Why doesn't he claim he is gay, or commit some serious crimes, get someone pregnant or get a cat? It has worked before.

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**pinnacle2015** ▶ Kerrygold

05 December 2013 3:58pm

Recommend 0

claim he is gay, commit some serious crimes get someone pregnant, get a cat.. the hallmark of British behaviour?

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**flibert** ▶ pinnacle2015

05 December 2013 4:10pm

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Actually...yes. But I don't imagine that was the look you were going for.

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**pinnacle2015** ▶ flibert

05 December 2013 4:25pm

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one day the wheat will be separated from the chaff

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**BigUpBritishRail**

05 December 2013 3:52pm

Recommend 4

He should stand as a Labour MP.

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**Sickbag** ▶ BigUpBritishRail

05 December 2013 5:00pm

Recommend 4

You should lead the nobhead party into the next election

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**Novelist**

05 December 2013 3:56pm

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Action should immediately be taken against Nigeria. Send one of their embassy staff home.

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**pinnacle2015** ▶ Novelist

05 December 2013 4:22pm

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ha ha ha thats asking for Shell BP Nigeria to be sold to the chinese

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**thepopeoftrash**

05 December 2013 3:57pm

Recommend 13

His choice, hard cheese.

Pop him on a plane with a box of 'Rustlers' from poundland.

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**MERAK355** ▶ thepopeoftrash

05 December 2013 10:36pm

Recommend 0

Or a box of old 'Bandits'. Remember those ?

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**ReturnOfZigee**

05 December 2013 4:07pm

Recommend 14

What is his tourists reason for refusing to leave the country?  
Is he an economic migrant ? A benefit tourist? Fleeing persecution or prosecution perhaps ?  
In other words why is he here in the first place ? and why are people supporting

completely into a hole illegally.

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**MERAK355**

05 December 2013 4:36pm

Recommend 3

He hasn't got a cat ?.....Big mistake !

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**MERAK355**

05 December 2013 4:46pm

Recommend 0

He could have accidently slipped down the stairs three times and that would have been the end of it.

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**ID7130142**

05 December 2013 6:18pm

Recommend 1

Only people to benefit from this is the lawyers .

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**milests**

05 December 2013 7:44pm

Recommend 3

Definitely not an actual hunger strike, he is in fact eating *something*, which would clearly explain why he's still alive after 100 days . . .

I was told at the end of the hearing that on Sunday night (13 October 2013) IM had accepted a small amount of hot water with milk powder.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2013/3157.html>

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**justamentalpatient** ▶ milests

06 December 2013 12:05am

Recommend 0

Gosh! What a greedy chap he is!

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**Shannon Ribbons**

05 December 2013 9:19pm

Recommend 2

Get used to it. Sow what you reap. Plunder undeveloped countries and then get swamped by their hoards coming to claim the lifestyle we built by robbing them. Not relishing (I too would rather keep my incredibly privileged and fortunate lifestyle as long as possible) it but the tone of smugness and I'm-all-fucking-right-jackness in these comments prompts a certain disgust.

As for Theresa May she's well on the way to being the brittle, heartless husk of a human that she obviously thinks is required for a top job with the Tories.

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**MERAK355** ▶ Shannon Ribbons

05 December 2013 9:34pm

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I've never met anyone that's 'plundered' anything. Have you ?

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**AngusMcKay** ▶ Shannon Ribbons

06 December 2013 8:59am

Recommend 0

Should you feel your "incredibly privileged and fortunate lifestyle" has been gained from plundering undeveloped countries, you can give back some or all of your acquired wealth to the people of those countries, there are no shortage of "charities" advertising to take your money - good luck.

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**Shannon Ribbons** ▶ MERAK355

06 December 2013 10:03am

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What do you think the ID did? Expected some job? A what Theresa said?

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 **Openmigrant**  
05 December 2013 9:24pm Recommend 2

He's illegal and judges should enforce the law not sympathy.

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 **MERAK355**  
05 December 2013 9:43pm Recommend 2

'Pending judicial review' ? And how much more to f//k will that cost ?.....Us.

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 **QueenBoadicea**  
05 December 2013 10:29pm Recommend 1

Just kick him out

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 **justamentalpatient**  
06 December 2013 12:09am Recommend 0

Private jet and all the other costs... Why has May spent so much money to get rid of one man, who has not been accused of crimes against us?

Just such a bizarre case.

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 **steavey**  
06 December 2013 4:27am Recommend 1

There are many people who cannot get legal aid so can't take legal action.

This particular man has already exhausted the appeals legal system costing enormous amounts of money + plus money to look after him in the UK and a botched flight costing £200,000.

So the appeals system goes on until the yes answer to remain in the UK is given?

I do believe Nigeria is an enormous country where many millions live in peace there.

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