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Hundreds of child refugees in Calais 'have UK asylum claims rejected by Home Office'

A lawyer for the children said they were upset and liable to run away in light of the decision

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Toufique Hossain, director of public law at Duncan Lewis solicitors, represents a number of the children and **told *The Guardian*** that more than a dozen of children he represents had been told their applications have been rejected.

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He said: “From the reports we have received it seems as if this is an organised operation between the Home Office and the French authorities. The children have been told verbally that their asylum claims have not succeeded, but they have not been given any reasons why in writing. This is absolutely shocking.”

Mr Hossain added: “The children are very upset but we are telling them not to run away.”