

STOPWORK OVER 2 MALAYS. NT News, September 19, 1961, p.1. Darwin's waterside workers and visiting seamen on the Koolama stopped work this morning in "formal protest" against the deportation of Malays Daru bin Saris and Jaffa Madunne. Angry watersiders voted unanimously to stop work until 8 a.m. tomorrow claiming there was "no other course left at this stage." Koolama will be blocked from sailing for 16 hours. Saris has been booked on a plane for Singapore tomorrow night. More than 3000 Darwin people made it clear to Mr Downer that Saris and Madunne were welcome here if nowhere else. Every plea to the Government met with a refusal from Mr Downer.

Daru bin Saris said today he had decided not to hide out as staunch friends had advised him to do. He said: "I do not want anyone to get into trouble for me and will return now. Both Jaffa and I want to say thanks to everybody in Darwin who tried so hard to help us. We will never forget and will do our best to find a way to return, perhaps later on," Saris added.

Watersiders were aroused at this morning's meeting. The secretary of the NAWU watersider section (Mr George Gibbs) said members were not interested in what penalties the authorities would impose for the stoppage. "We can see no other course open and will try to make it clear through this stoppage, and possible another move that we object strongly to the attitude of Immigration Minister Downer and the Government," Mr Gibbs said.

In a last ditch bid to stop the deportations a public protest meeting has been called for 8 o'clock tonight on the Darwin Oval.

ROAD BLOCKS IN THE SEARCH. NT News, October 3, 1961, p.1. As the hunt for hiding Malayan deportees Daru bin Saris and Zainal Hashim was stepped up at the weekend and yesterday police set up a road block at the 11-mile and rostered off extra men for duty.

Yesterday 12 police searched eight houses in outer suburbs after receiving "tips" that their quarry had been seen. And in Darwin a senior secretary of the Immigration Department has arrived to handle the deportation. The secretary, Mr H G Brooks met members of the Darwin Anti-Deportation Committee just after midday today...

Police were brought from their beds early yesterday to join in the search as outer suburbs were combed. Two car loads of police made an intense search of Winnellie and it is believed they have concentrated on at least one other suburb. It was confirmed that Mr Brooks was collaborating with police in the actual hunt for the deportees. Dozens of motorists are believed to have been stopped and their cars checked by police at the 11-mile road block...

And a constant watch has been kept on small boat landing places in the bay.

In a reply to a plea from Hashim's father urging him to return to Malaya this note was received at the office of The News: "I have heard the broadcast over the wireless that said my father asked me to come home. I have not heard from my father for years and cannot see why he takes a sudden interest in me. I sympathise with my father but I am 24 years old and wish to stay in Darwin where I have lived amongst fine people. Please tell Mr Downer this.

Z. Hashim. 30/9/61."

POLICE WANT THEM. NT News, October 3, 1961, p.6 (Photo). The deputy Commissioner of Police (Mr Clive Graham) requested that we publish the above photograph of Daru bin Saris (left) and Zainal bin Hashim (right). Mr Graham said both men were wanted on deportation orders. He requested anybody knowing their whereabouts to contact the nearest police station immediately. He gave their descriptions as:

"BIN SARIS: 5 feet 7 inches in height, born in Malaya 31 years ago. Has black bushy hair inclined to be curly and dark brown eyes. His face is slightly pock-marked.

ZAINAL BIN HASHIM: 5 feet 4 inches in height, 25 years of age with straight black hair and dark

brown eyes.

The description added that while both men have Malayan features and colouring, Zainal's features are slightly darker."

Darwin Immigration Chief Mr Les Liveris said today the department was still anxious to contact Zainal bin Hashim with news of his relatives' concern in Malaya.

MANHUNT INTENSITY QUERY FROM M.L.C. NT News, October 7, 1961, p.1. By the intensity of the search for Malay deportees Daru bin Saris and Zainal bin Hashim it could be thought they were a couple of murderers. The member for Arnhem (Mr Fred Drysdale) said this yesterday. He was commenting on what has turned into the biggest manhunt in Territory history as the search for the men continues unabated... Police have been armed with a special Immigration Act warrant with sweeping search rights. They have swooped on homes almost day and night for the last three days. It is reported that about 20 officers have been tied up on the search.

"STAYPUT" MALAYAN BACK FROM SOUTH. NT News May 17, p.7. Zainal bin Hashim is back in Darwin, where his fight to remain in Australia began almost nine months ago. Zainal and his friend Daru bin Saris became known throughout Australia as the "Stayput Malaysians" when they went into hiding last year to avoid deportation. They won the right to stay after a long, bitter campaign waged by Darwin people and every major newspaper in Australia. Last night Zainal, a nuggety, cheerful 25-year-old diver turned concrete worker, returned from Melbourne ... He said Daru had decided to stay in Melbourne if he could find suitable work. "Daru likes the city and people down there very good to us," Zainal said.

But whatever job was offered to Zainal in the south, he leaves no doubt that the cold of Melbourne and the warmth of Darwin – climatic and human – would have brought him back. First thing this morning Zainal reported out at Hume Pipes Ltd, where he was employed before going into hiding. Mr Hambuchner and Hume Pipes stuck with the Malayan for the time his troubles started last year...