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EXCLUSION AND REMOVAL

Inadmissible Persons

Detention and Release

Judicial reviews of decisions by Immigration and Refugee Board, Immigration Division (ID) ordering respondent's release— Respondent citizen of South Sudan — Having lengthy criminal record, enforceable removal order against him - Detained pursuant to Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. S.C. 2001. c. 27 — Enforcement officer granting deferral of removal — Respondent suffering from array of mental health conditions - ID finding, inter alia, that respondent not allowed outside of his cell during 16 of 24 days while in detention, breaching respondent's Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, s. 12 rights — Finding application of analytical framework governing detention reviews leading to respondent's release - Considering factors mentioned in Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, SOR/2002-227, s. 248, namely reason for detention, past and likely future length of time in detention, cause of any delays, alternatives to detention — In balancing these factors, ID finding that continuing respondent's detention disproportionate use of power of immigration detention — Ordering respondent's release on standard conditions, which included duty to report biweekly to nearest Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) office, to keep CBSA informed of residential address — Central issue whether ID's balancing of s. 248 factors reasonable - ID's decision unreasonable - Where ID releasing person posing danger to public or flight risk, it must impose conditions designed to mitigate these risks under Act, s. 58(3) — ID failed to do so here — Unreasonable for ID to recognize that its decision "is not a practical outcome," but that "this is one of those rare cases where the practical must give way to the principle"- ID's decision ignoring case law requiring it to impose conditions of release intended to mitigate danger to public posed by respondent — Not necessary here to rely on idea that conditions of release having to "virtually eliminate" any danger to public posed by respondent — "Virtually eliminate" test impossible to meet, could foreclose release whenever detainee danger to public — This not what Act, s. 58, Regulations, s. 248 contemplating — ID's decisions guashed — Application allowed.

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