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TWO STILL ON ROOF-TOP PROTEST AT YONGAH HILL DETENTION CENTRE

Almost 24 hours after the protest began, two asylum seekers remain on the roof of the Yongah Hill detention centre.

From around 3.00pm (Perth time) yesterday (Thursday) the number on the

roof grew to 12 by around 7.00pm.

Seven asylum seekers came off the roof around midnight Perth time. One

of them was hospitalised shortly after, following a serious self-harm incident.

Around 11am (Perth time), another asylum seeker came off the roof and was immediately tackled and handcuffed by Serco staff. A scuffle developed between guards and detainees in the yard, after which Serco agreed that the man would be taken to hospital for mental health treatment.

The two remaining protesters are able to get water and food.

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