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DECISION RECORD

RRT CASE NUMBER: 0800928

COUNTRY OF REFERENCE: Turkey

TRIBUNAL MEMBER: Genevieve Hamilton

DATE DECISION SIGNED: 30 June 2008

PLACE OF DECISION: Melbourne

DECISION: The Tribunal affirms the decision not to grant the

applicant a Protection (Class XA) visa.

BACKGROUND

- 1. This is an application for review of a decision made by a delegate of the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to refuse to grant the applicant a Protection (Class XA) visa under s.65 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act).
- 2. The applicant first arrived in Australia in the early 2000s. He applied to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for a Protection (Class XA) visa. The delegate decided to refuse to grant the visa. The applicant applied to the Tribunal for review of the delegate's decision.
- 3. The Tribunal finds that the delegate's decision is an RRT-reviewable decision under s.411(1)(c) of the Act. The Tribunal finds that the applicant has made a valid application for review under s.412 of the Act.

RELEVANT LAW

- 4. Under s.65(1) a visa may be granted only if the decision maker is satisfied that the prescribed criteria for the visa have been satisfied. In general, the relevant criteria for the grant of a protection visa are those in force when the visa application was lodged although some statutory qualifications enacted since then may also be relevant.
- 5. Section 36(2)(a) of the Act provides that a criterion for a protection visa is that the applicant for the visa is a non-citizen in Australia to whom the Minister is satisfied Australia has protection obligations under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees as amended by the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (together, the Refugees Convention, or the Convention).
- 6. Further criteria for the grant of a Protection (Class XA) visa are set out in Parts 785 and 866 of Schedule 2 to the Migration Regulations 1994.

Definition of 'refugee'

7. Australia is a party to the Refugees Convention and generally speaking, has protection obligations to people who are refugees as defined in Article 1 of the Convention. Article 1A(2) relevantly defines a refugee as any person who:

owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it.

- 8. The High Court has considered this definition in a number of cases, notably *Chan Yee Kin v MIEA* (1989) 169 CLR 379, *Applicant A v MIEA* (1997) 190 CLR 225, *MIEA v Guo* (1997) 191 CLR 559, *Chen Shi Hai v MIMA* (2000) 201 CLR 293, *MIMA v Haji Ibrahim* (2000) 204 CLR 1, *MIMA v Khawar* (2002) 210 CLR 1, *MIMA v Respondents S152/2003* (2004) 222 CLR 1 and *Applicant S v MIMA* (2004) 217 CLR 387.
- 9. Sections 91R and 91S of the Act qualify some aspects of Article 1A(2) for the purposes of the application of the Act and the regulations to a particular person.

- 10. There are four key elements to the Convention definition. First, an applicant must be outside his or her country.
- 11. Second, an applicant must fear persecution. Under s.91R(1) of the Act persecution must involve "serious harm" to the applicant (s.91R(1)(b)), and systematic and discriminatory conduct (s.91R(1)(c)). The expression "serious harm" includes, for example, a threat to life or liberty, significant physical harassment or ill-treatment, or significant economic hardship or denial of access to basic services or denial of capacity to earn a livelihood, where such hardship or denial threatens the applicant's capacity to subsist: s.91R(2) of the Act. The High Court has explained that persecution may be directed against a person as an individual or as a member of a group. The persecution must have an official quality, in the sense that it is official, or officially tolerated or uncontrollable by the authorities of the country of nationality. However, the threat of harm need not be the product of government policy; it may be enough that the government has failed or is unable to protect the applicant from persecution.
- 12. Further, persecution implies an element of motivation on the part of those who persecute for the infliction of harm. People are persecuted for something perceived about them or attributed to them by their persecutors. However the motivation need not be one of enmity, malignity or other antipathy towards the victim on the part of the persecutor.
- 13. Third, the persecution which the applicant fears must be for one or more of the reasons enumerated in the Convention definition race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion. The phrase "for reasons of" serves to identify the motivation for the infliction of the persecution. The persecution feared need not be *solely* attributable to a Convention reason. However, persecution for multiple motivations will not satisfy the relevant test unless a Convention reason or reasons constitute at least the essential and significant motivation for the persecution feared: s.91R(1)(a) of the Act.
- 14. Fourth, an applicant's fear of persecution for a Convention reason must be a "well-founded" fear. This adds an objective requirement to the requirement that an applicant must in fact hold such a fear. A person has a "well-founded fear" of persecution under the Convention if they have genuine fear founded upon a "real chance" of persecution for a Convention stipulated reason. A fear is well-founded where there is a real substantial basis for it but not if it is merely assumed or based on mere speculation. A "real chance" is one that is not remote or insubstantial or a far-fetched possibility. A person can have a well-founded fear of persecution even though the possibility of the persecution occurring is well below 50 per cent.
- 15. In addition, an applicant must be unable, or unwilling because of his or her fear, to avail himself or herself of the protection of his or her country or countries of nationality or, if stateless, unable, or unwilling because of his or her fear, to return to his or her country of former habitual residence.
- 16. Whether an applicant is a person to whom Australia has protection obligations is to be assessed upon the facts as they exist when the decision is made and requires a consideration of the matter in relation to the reasonably foreseeable future.

CLAIMS AND EVIDENCE

- 17. The Tribunal has before it the Department's file relating to the applicant. The Tribunal has had regard to any material favourable to the applicant's case referred to in the delegate's decision.
- 18. In his protection visa application it is stated that the applicant was born in City I, Turkey in the late 1900s. He is ethnically Armenian and follows no religion. His occupation in Turkey was in sales. He is a Turkish citizen and lived in Turkey until he came to Australia, travelling on a Turkish passport issued in the early 2000s. It is his second passport. He has travelled before: to Country 1 (via Country 2) for a short period in the early 2000s. In Turkey he lived in District X, City I. He came to Australia on a valid visa. He was studying in Turkey until the early 2000s. [Information deleted:s431]. He performed his military service in the early 2000s. He worked at a firm from the early 2000s for several months. He left Turkey legally and had no difficulty obtaining a passport. His passport was extended in the early 2000s.
- 19. The applicant said he returned to Turkey in the early 2000s.
- 20. In his written statement setting out his claims, the applicant said his family was Armenian and had always had problems expressing its ethnicity. His Person A fled the Armenian genocide in District XI and went to City I, and since then the family has hidden its ethnicity and adopted different names. Armenians are ostracised in Turkey and have difficulty getting jobs and in their contacts with the authorities. In the late 1900s his family went to Country 1 for business and the applicant stayed behind in City I for school, living with his other family members. He visited the family during holidays.
- 21. In the early 2000s the applicant began [information about the applicant's work history deleted in accordance with s.431 as it may identify the applicant]. He chose not to hide his identity as his family members had done. He went to a government department in City II He told them he was there for a specific reason.
- 22. The police followed him and he was questioned a number of times. On one occasion they approached him at the City II University and asked him what he was doing. [Information about the applicant's response deleted in accordance with s.431 as it may identify the applicant]. On another occasion he was at the District XII campus. The police took him to the station for interrogation. They verbally abused and physically mistreated him. He was there for a few hours.
- 23. After this he began receiving threatening phone calls back in City I, including warnings to "stop doing what he was doing".
- 24. In the early 2000s he set up a group. A number of other Armenians were members of his group. They included a person called Person B. In the early 2000s as part of their specific group went to see the government official of District XI. They were not made welcome and were accused of treachery. They also tried to track down remaining Armenian families in District XI. An interview they had organised was interrupted by the police. They rented a building and advertised their meeting in the early 2000s. They were attacked by an opposition group, with the connivance of the police, and then the police took them to the station. The applicant was put into a separate room from his colleagues. The police ripped his clothes and put him in a dark cell for many days. He was not allowed to contact his family. The police physically abused him, causing several injuries.

- 25. The applicant decided that his work would be more effective if he improved his English, so he applied to come in Australia. He returned to Turkey for his court hearing in the early 2000s but the case was adjourned. While he was there he continued his work by visiting Country 2 and Country 1 (where he also saw his family).
- 26. A Counsellor, Person C, made a written report in which she stated, among other things, that the applicant was being intensively counselled for symptoms of a medical problem. The report is dated the early 2000s.
- 27. In support of the review application the Tribunal received the following items of evidence:
 - Certified copies of 3 documents written in Turkish together with certified copies of
 their English translations (the Tribunal was later given the originals), consisting of
 small slips of paper entitled "request to attend police station", addressed to the
 applicant, asking him to report to a police station on a number of occasions in the
 early 2000s regarding "investigation in relation to you". Each is signed by a different
 officer.
 - The constitution of the group he set-up, Group Z, which the applicant indicated he had brought with him on his USB.
 - A news article concerning the sympathies between Kurds and Armenians.

The Tribunal also received a statutory declaration making the following claims:

- His property had been confiscated.
- Group Z could also be rendered by a different name.
- Person B was Kurdish/Armenian but was targeted because of his involvement in the applicant's group.
- The applicant was able to continue travelling on his passport, and have it renewed, until a certain point
- [Information about the applicant's history deleted in accordance with s.431 as it may identify the applicant].
- The other members of the group are all in prison.
- 28. Before the hearing the adviser submitted the translations of
 - Group Z constitution, dated the early 2000s, which contains, among other elements, a list of
 objectives and activities. The founding members are the applicant, Person B and many
 others.
 - Document dated the early 2000s, which states that the meeting planned to be held by Group Z on a specific date at a building was not authorised by the police. The article names the applicant, Person B, and the other claimed members of his group, and states that they were taken into custody. It states that the applicant said on the group's behalf that they would hold the meeting no matter what.

- 29. The adviser also submitted a further report by Person C, dated the early 2000s, stating that the applicant had been referred to a medical professional because of concerns about his clinical presentation and ongoing symptoms. They concur that his wellbeing is contingent on a resolution of his visa status as the uncertainty impedes his recovery.
- 30. The report of the medical professional Person D was also submitted. She states that the applicant described an acute awareness from an early age of the persecution of his family due to their minority status, persecution which he was able to stand until compulsory military service, which could have required him to act against his own people. Having continued to expose the plight of his people he considers the risk of ongoing persecution and death very high if he returns to Turkey She has no reason to doubt the intensity of his symptoms.

The hearing

- 31. The applicant said he did not complete his tertiary course he was studying while working at the same time. He deferred because he wanted to change programs. He lived in City I, sometimes in the family home and sometimes at his family member's house. His last address was a property also owned by his family (it is now vacant). He also has a sibling in City I who has his own place. Asked when he stopped studying, the applicant said it was in the early 2000s.
- 32. [Information about the applicant's work history deleted in accordance with s.431 as it may identify the applicant].
- 33. The applicant claimed that he had documents of his own and from other Armenians and he wanted to compare these with what was in the government departments in City II The reason he attracted attention was that he did not hide his Armenian background.
- 34. Asked what other professionals he made contact with in the course of his inquiries, the applicant said [information deleted: s431].
- 35. The applicant said he was taken into custody at District XII police station.
- 36. In the early 2000s he and his friends, one of whom was part Armenian (Person B), the rest were fully Armenian, set up their organisation. He claimed that his relative had had to pray in secret. The applicant was ashamed by this and it affected him psychologically. He started his organization with some members, but they had a lot of supporters.
- 37. Asked whether his group had contact with any other organizations promoting revision of the Armenian genocide, the applicant said he had heard that there are other groups but he has not met them. They would have to be fairly low-key in Turkey simply being Armenian is enough to get a person into trouble.
- 38. The Tribunal observed that it would have expected that before setting up his organisation the applicant would have wanted to know if there were any existing organizations working on the same issue. The applicant said it is very common in Turkey to set up organizations especially in the tertiary environment. Asked how they set up their group, the applicant said it was not very formal. They had moral support of other groups in City I. They needed a headquarters and a constitution. They had plans to make visits and contacts. Everyone shared responsibilities. In City I they visited various organizations and foundations. (The applicant named some of these).

- 39. Asked what else his group did, the applicant said they had no activities in City I. They wanted to concentrate on District XI because of events that took place there. They had a program of visits for District XI. They also thought they could different media types. They visited the office of a government official. The Tribunal asked the applicant why they visited the government official's offices. The applicant said they wanted to ask for demographic information. The Tribunal asked why they would go to the government official for such information. The applicant said they thought they would get help there. But they were called traitors. The Tribunal observed that it seemed unrealistic to expect support from the government official The applicant then claimed that they needed security clearances to visit certain places, and that these had to be obtained from the government official's office. The Tribunal observed that this was a different explanation from that given previously. The applicant replied that they also went there for the demographic information. The government official was not in but they spoke to other staff. They had photos of some houses, and found one Armenian family. They wanted to find more, so they made an arrangement with a person in media. But on the way to the location they got a call from the co-ordinator saying that the District XI security department had stopped the program.
- 40. The Tribunal asked if they contacted any community organizations while in District XI The applicant claimed that they spoke to members and a senior member of a local interested group.
- 41. The applicant said when their program was cancelled they decided to have a meeting. It would be open to everyone. They hired a building They put up advertising in central locations. Their own group would be the speakers. They invited interested parties and officials, and various other District XI organisations. Asked if they advertised in any media, the applicant said they put an advertisement in the media a few days before the event he did not see the notice advertisement himself but they did arrange for this to be done.
- 42. Referring to the claim that police quickly broke up the meeting, the Tribunal asked the applicant what he expected would occur, given the contentious subject matter. The applicant said he expected there could be problems with other groups. But he is a tax-paying Turkish citizen and expected the police to protect him if that happened. Instead they stopped the meeting on the pretext it was unauthorized.
- 43. The Tribunal commented that to expect anything useful to come out of a public meeting on such a sensitive subject seemed unrealistic to the point that the Tribunal doubted the plausibility of the event itself. The applicant acknowledged this but said they were very passionate about their cause.
- 44. The applicant said he and his friends were taken into custody and held for many days. They were physically abused, verbally abused and treated like animals. The applicant suffered injuries and bruising. Their mistreatment was particularly harsh because they were Armenian. The police threatened to kill them, saying that no one would care. They were charged by the public prosecutors office.
- 45. The applicant said this experience of being detained had a very big impact on him. He was very traumatized because he knew that people were killed in custody. He feared this would happen to him.
- 46. The office took down their personal details but did not issue them with any written record. They had to sign something. Pressed on the issue of whether there was any record, the

- applicant said he was given a document of some kind but he cannot remember what it was. He and his friends were dealt with at the same time.
- 47. The Tribunal said it would have expected the applicant to be able to submit, as evidence, more documents. The applicant said that documents can only be served in person and he had left Turkey. It was not possible to obtain such documents. They could only be given to him or to his attorney.
- 48. The Tribunal asked whether there had been any reporting, including by human rights organizations, of the claim that some people were convicted and given substantial sentences for holding a meeting about the Armenian genocide. The applicant said he did not know. They had, earlier, thought of informing human rights organisations about their situation but had decided to wait to find out how the case progressed.
- 49. The Tribunal observed that the available country information indicated that, contrary to the applicant's claims, merely being Armenian would not cause a person to be persecuted. The applicant said Turks despise Armenians. This attitude is ingrained in their education. The Tribunal noted that the applicant himself did not claim to have ever experienced serious harm because of his ethnicity alone. The applicant said that Armenians are treated as second class citizens wherever they go. His family moved him to another school when he was younger, when it was found out that he was Armenian. Later he said Armenians are not wanted in Turkey and that Turkey wanted to eliminate the Armenian population.
- 50. The Tribunal asked the applicant why he stated, in his other visa applications, that there were no outstanding charges against him. The applicant said he did this because he did not want his difficulties with the authorities to prevent him being granted a visa.
- 51. The Tribunal asked the applicant why he delayed making a protection visa application. The applicant said it was a serious step to claim protection against one's own country. His organization was seen as illegal [information deleted: s431]. He did not believe the government would protect him from harm by the security forces the government does not embrace Armenians. He believed his circumstances fit the UN definition of a refugee.
- 52. Person C gave evidence, stating that the applicant's situation presented problem that were increasingly difficult for him to cope with. His visa is restrictive. She submitted that the Tribunal should consider his case in a way that takes into account his psychological well-being. He presents with a medical condition and she is quite concerned about him. The medical professional, to whom he has been referred, is also concerned. He may not receive the care he needs in Turkey. They have no reason to believe he is malingering. They see him in a range of moods. The applicant's articulation is consistent with what he says happened to him, and with his presentation.
- 53. The adviser submitted that the wisdom or otherwise of the applicant's claimed political actions needed to be considered in light of the fact that he was only young in the early 2000s. He had submitted a document demonstrating that the meeting did occur, moreover there was expert evidence indicating that he had significant features of a medical condition. With regard to the situation of Armenians in general in Turkey, the evidence indicates that they are discriminated against, at least. She noted that the applicant had submitted police documents.

After the hearing

54. In the early 2000s the Tribunal wrote to the applicant in accordance with section 424A inviting him to comment on adverse information. The letter read in part as follows:

The information is that although you arrived in Australia in the early 2000s you did not apply for a protection visa until some years later.

This information is relevant because it indicates you did not fear persecution.

This information is relevant because it contradicts your claims and reflects on your credibility.

- 55. This letter also requested the applicant pursuant to section 424, to provide the original of the article concerning the District XI meeting
- 56. The applicant made a further statutory declaration reiterating that he did not apply for a protection visa until the early 2000s because he expected a change in circumstances in Turkey. Once he found out about his circumstances, he sought protection. He had already tried unsuccessfully to get the original article but it was stored and was not available. In a yet further statutory declaration he stated that the answers on his student declarations were filled in by his Turkish education agent who based them on the fact that the applicant at that stage had a police clearance. The applicant signed the forms as completed they were in English and he cannot read English.
- 57. Also submitted at this stage was a letter, which the adviser instructed was a letter from Person B's mother to the applicant. Among other things it states that the applicant might be killed as her child was. She does not blame him for her child's death; he is like a child to her as well she asks for a photo to put next to Person B's.
- 58. The adviser made a final written submission, collating the applicant's claims, citing relevant law and referring to human rights reports about the treatment of minorities in Turkey In particular the Helsinki Federation report on Turkey states that people and groups continued to be persecuted for expressing their views publicly on controversial issues including the Armenian genocide. The Helsinki report recounts particular cases of journalists and other writers being charged and sentenced for commenting on the Armenian issue. The adviser also cites the US State Department Report on Human Rights Practices, which states that people who wrote or spoke out about contentious issues such as the Turkish-Armenian conflict risked prosecution. The US report recounts the assassination of the editor of the bilingual Turkish-Armenian newspaper Agos. This person, Hrant Dink, was one of the people who had previously been sentenced for insulting Turkishness. His son and another colleague were also sentenced. A journalist, who wrote about the court battle over the legality of a conference (held in Istanbul in 2005) on the 1915 massacre, was tried (but acquitted). The adviser also cites the section of the US Report dealing with restrictions on freedom of assembly. The adviser cites the UK Home Office Country of Origin Information Report for Turkey, which recounts similar themes and incidents.
- 59. The adviser submitted that the naivety of the applicant's actions did not mean they did not occur, and submitted that his work was sufficient evidence that the meeting he claimed to have organized did take place. He has submitted evidence which are consistent with the country information. The killing of his friend Person B was reported. It was submitted that the evidence of Person C and Person D should be accepted by the Tribunal.

FINDINGS AND REASONS

- 60. Based on the information in his application, the Tribunal finds that the applicant is a national of Turkey.
- 61. The Tribunal does not accept that the applicant experienced persecution due to his ethnicity (or religious background, since Armenians are historically Christians) or political opinion, or that he fears persecution in Turkey due to these reasons. As a general matter, the fact that the applicant did not make a protection visa until quite a long time after his arrival in Australia was not satisfactorily explained. The applicant claimed a history of mistreatment of himself and his family and that he was charged with a political crime, outstanding the whole time he was in Australia. If such charges were real there would be no basis for him to expect an acquittal. The applicant's failure to make a protection claim earlier is an indication that he did not experience or fear persecution.
- 62. The Tribunal does not accept that the applicant conducted [information deleted: s431] He claimed, when pressed on this subject, to have visited a professional in his field of work but did not elaborate on or substantiates this claim, as would be expected if he had indeed made such contact.
- 63. It follows that the Tribunal does not accept that the applicant was questioned on numerous occasions abused and mistreated in the course of his work in City II as he claimed, or that he received threatening phone calls afterwards.
- 64. The Tribunal does not accept that the applicant, with some of his friends, set up an organisation. There is no independent evidence of the existence of such an organisation. Moreover, there was apparently no investigation, either before or in the context of establishing the organisation, as to what Armenian organisations already existed and how their platforms compared. The Tribunal would have thought this to be an early natural step in the setting up of any new organisation if the claim is true. The document submitted as a constitution written in the early 2000s need not be contemporaneous the Tribunal gives it little weight as evidence.
- 65. The Tribunal does not accept that the applicant and his friends went to District XI in the early 2000s for any activities relating to the Armenian genocide. The applicant's descriptions of some of their activities there were unrealistic, not in a way which suggested naïve passion for a cause, but in a way which indicated the artificial construction of an account of claimed conflict with the authorities. The reason for going to see figures in authority, and for holding a "meeting", with little preparation in the District XI community, were not satisfactorily explained. The claimed expectation of support and tolerance could not be justified given the well-known sensitivity of the issue. The claim that they had made contact with local human rights organisations was not substantiated. Against these considerations, the Tribunal gives little weight to the document purporting to be about the meeting without an original its authenticity cannot be verified. There are no other contemporaneous documents about the event.
- 66. The Tribunal does not, it follows, accept that the applicant and his friends were attacked by right wing nationalists or arrested and tortured by the police. [Information deleted: s431]. It does not accept that one of his friends was killed and the others are all in goal. The documentation submitted by the applicant was slender, to the point where the Tribunal was not satisfied as to its authenticity. [Information about the applicant's history deleted in

accordance with s.431 as it may identify the applicant]. The Tribunal was not persuaded by the applicant's explanation for this, that his absence meant the documents were unavailable. He could (and in reality would) have appointed an attorney to at least receive the evidence and result. Moreover, given the very specific information that is held by human rights organisations and reported internationally, about persons even being charged in Turkey in connection with the Armenian issue, it is most unlikely that the conviction and gaoling of several would go unreported.

- 67. The applicant claimed to be connected through this group to a Kurd, Person B who was killed in the early 2000s. The ethnicity of this individual was discussed at the hearing, and the applicant claimed he was Kurdish/Armenian. He also claimed that Person B was killed for his work with the applicant's group. Reporting of the killing of Person B indicates that he was claimed by the PKK as a Kurdish activist and was killed in the context of pro-Kurdish protests). The letter purporting to be from Person B's parent is given no weight, considering that its authorship cannot be verified.
- 68. The Tribunal does not accept that the applicant was active on the Armenian genocide in the past, and based on this does not accept that there is a real chance of the applicant becoming active or vocal on the issue in the reasonably foreseeable future.
- 69. While the country information cited by the adviser clearly shows that to be active and vocal on the history of the Armenian genocide generates a risk of serious harm. The Tribunal also accepts that Armenians are the subject of intense prejudice in Turkey and that their religious and social organisations are subject to tight restrictions. However, the Tribunal does not accept, on the evidence before it, that people of Armenian background generally face a real chance of serious harm amounting to persecution. The applicant claimed that one either had to hide one's identity or be treated as a second class citizen, but he did not put forward concrete claims or present information that this second-class status constituted or was accompanied by serious harm, either in his own case or for the remnant Armenian population in Turkey.
- 70. The Tribunal has given careful consideration to the submissions by the applicant's medical practitioners. It is apparent that they accept that his claims about his past actions and experiences are true, and as a natural consequence they attribute his symptoms to having been severely mistreated by the authorities (i.e they conclude that he suffers from a medical condition, as well as anxiety about his migration status). It was not explicitly argued that his symptoms could only be the result of his claims being true. The Tribunal had to weigh these reports against its strong concerns about the evidence outlined above.
- 71. The Tribunal is not satisfied that the applicant faces a real chance of persecution in Turkey due to his ethnicity, religious background or political opinion. The Tribunal is not satisfied that the applicant has a well-founded fear of persecution within the meaning of the Convention.

CONCLUSION

72. Having considered the evidence as a whole, the Tribunal is not satisfied that the applicant is a person to whom Australia has protection obligations under the Refugees Convention. Therefore the applicant does not satisfy the criterion set out in s.36(2)(a) for a protection visa.

DECISION

73. The Tribunal affirms the decision not to grant the applicant a Protection (Class XA) visa.

I certify that this decision contains no information which might identify the applicant or any relative or dependant of the applicant or that is the subject of a direction pursuant to section 440 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

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