

'Security risk' cleric hoping to stay in Australia

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A Sydney Muslim cleric says he hopes the new Federal Government will withdraw a request for him to leave the country.

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Western Sydney Sheik Mansour Leghaei was asked by the Federal Government to leave Australia last month.

It came after the High Court rejected his attempt to challenge ASIO's assessment that he is a national security risk.

Today Sheik Mansour told supporters at a community event in Sydney's west that he hoped the new government would allow him to stay.

"So we hope that the new Federal Government will intervene and put an end to this injustice," he said.

Sheik Mansour says after 11 years of legal challenges, he still has not been allowed to see the allegations made against him.

He says he has no legal avenues left, and his hopes of staying in the country rest with Kevin Rudd's government.

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