

A\$AP Rocky's congressman urges US State Department to do more to get rapper released from Swedish jail

- Rapper, 30, has been detained since July 2 along with two other men
- He is being held pending investigation of a street brawl in Stockholm on June 30
- It's been claimed Rocky has been 'subject to inhuman conditions' in jail
- Swedish prosecutors must decide by Friday whether he will face charges

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The fight to get ASAP Rocky released from a Swedish jail moved to Washington D.C. on Wednesday.

Rep. Adriano Espaillat, a Democrat who represents New York's 13th Congressional District, held a press conference on Capitol Hill to call on the US State Department and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to do more to secure the rapper's freedom as well as that of two others detained with him, Bladimir Corniel and David Risper.

The three men have been held since July 2 in connection with an investigation into a street fight that took place in Stockholm on June 30.



Esipailat's district includes ASAP Rocky's home neighborhood of Harlem and speaking to **ABC News**, he said he had visited the mother of the rapper - real name Rakim Mayers - on Sunday.

He expressed concern that the three Americans are being held in solitary confinement ahead of another scheduled court hearing on Friday.

'We are calling on Secretary Pompeo to do more,' Espaillat said at the press

'It is unconscionable that young men that are doing well, they are on the right track in life, they're very successful, they're icons in the hip-hop community, are treated

He also stated that he's been told that Assistant Secretary of State for Consular

Joining Espaillat at the media event was Nikita Rispers, the mother of David Rispers, and Congressional Black Caucus members Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, who chairs the

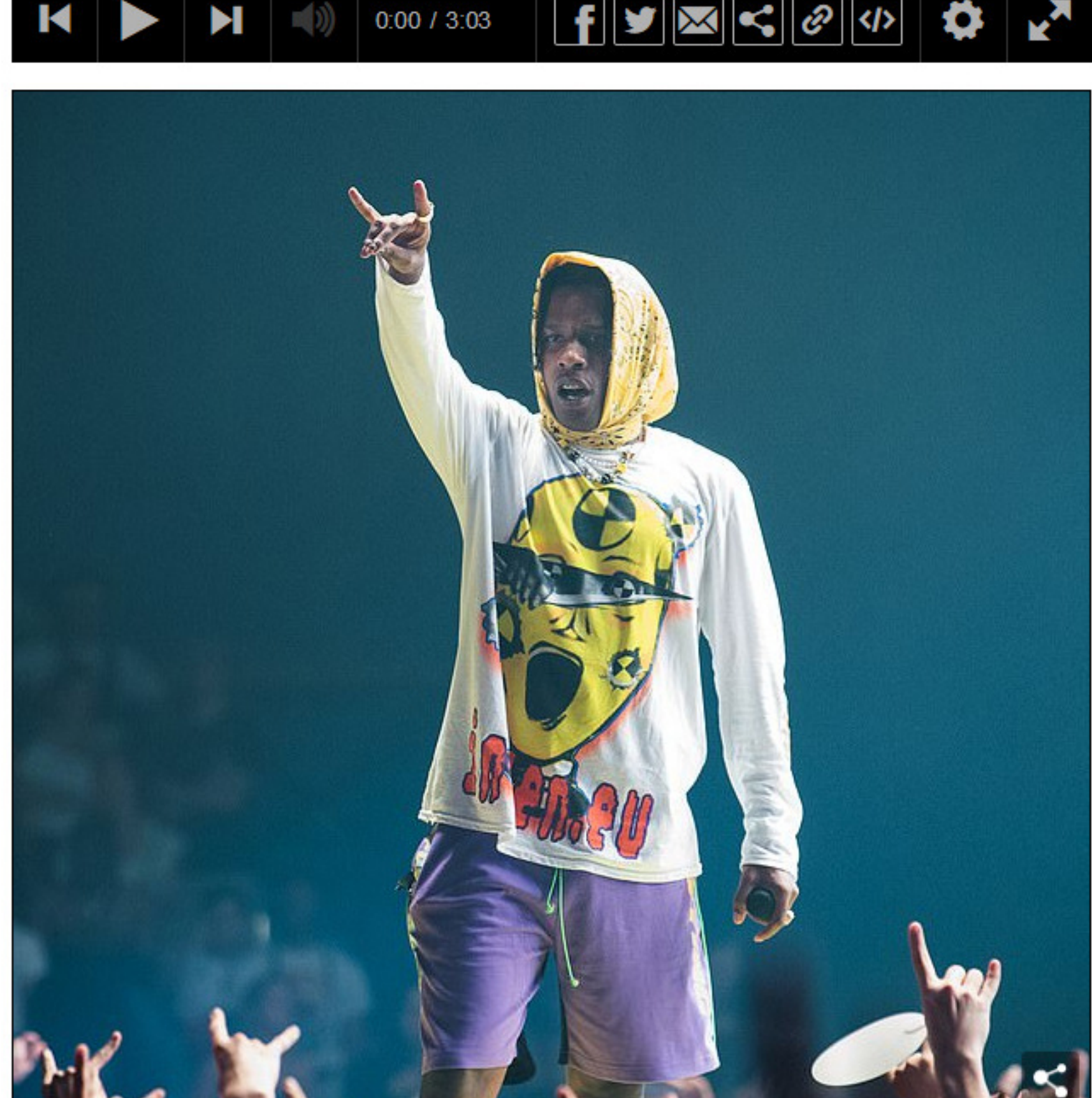
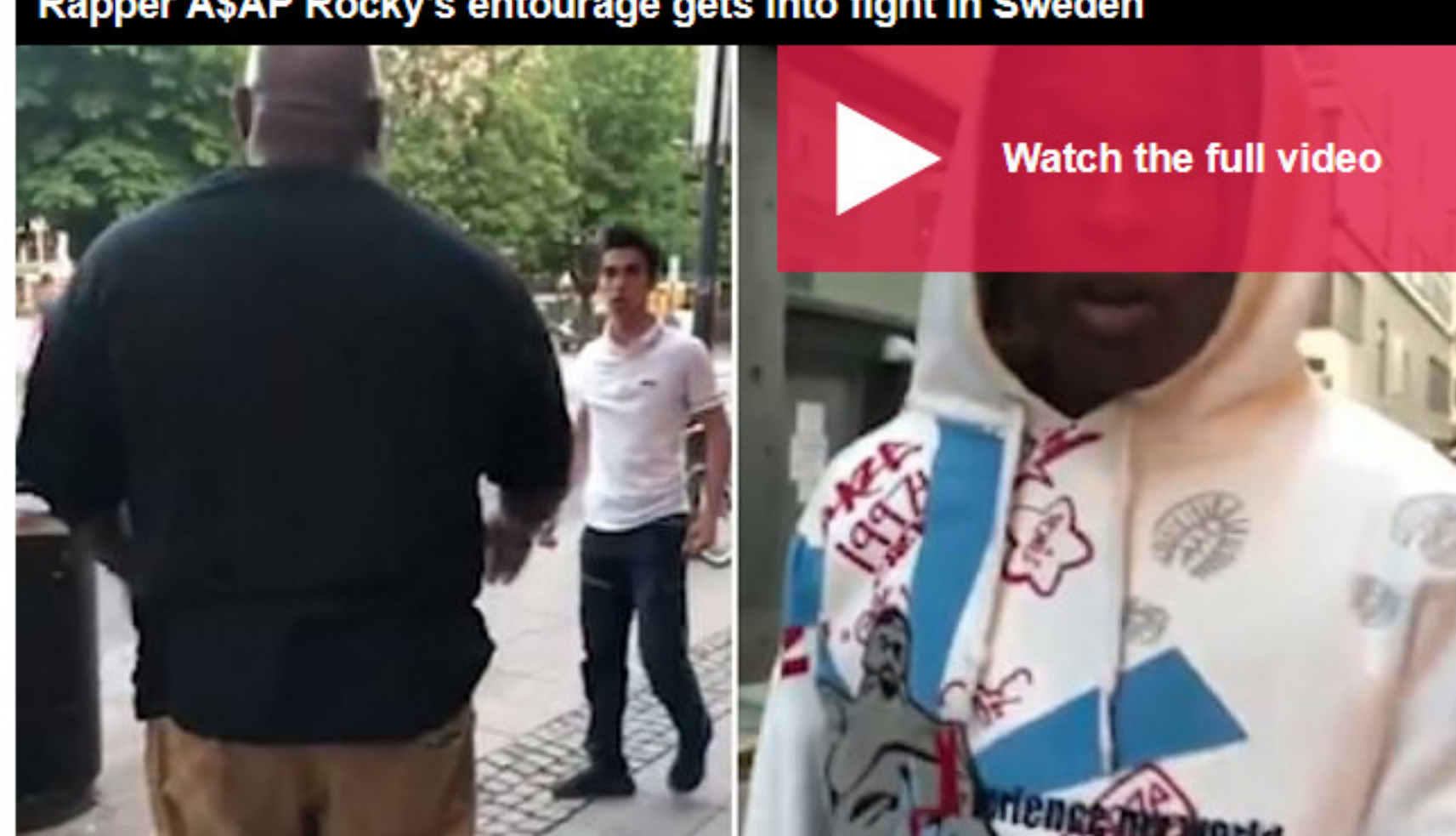


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The trio are reportedly being held in solitary confinement in prison ahead of a scheduled hearing on Friday

The star's lawyer, Alan Jackson, said: 'President Trump has made bringing home unjustly held Americans a top priority for his administration. The State Department's

'Secretary Pompeo and Ambassador O'Brien have been relentless in their diplomatic efforts on behalf of American citizens being held all over the world. Rocky's millions of fans worldwide are putting their trust in the State Department to get Rocky



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is understood to have been briefed on the issue

It comes after sources close to the star said he was forced to sleep on a yoga mat

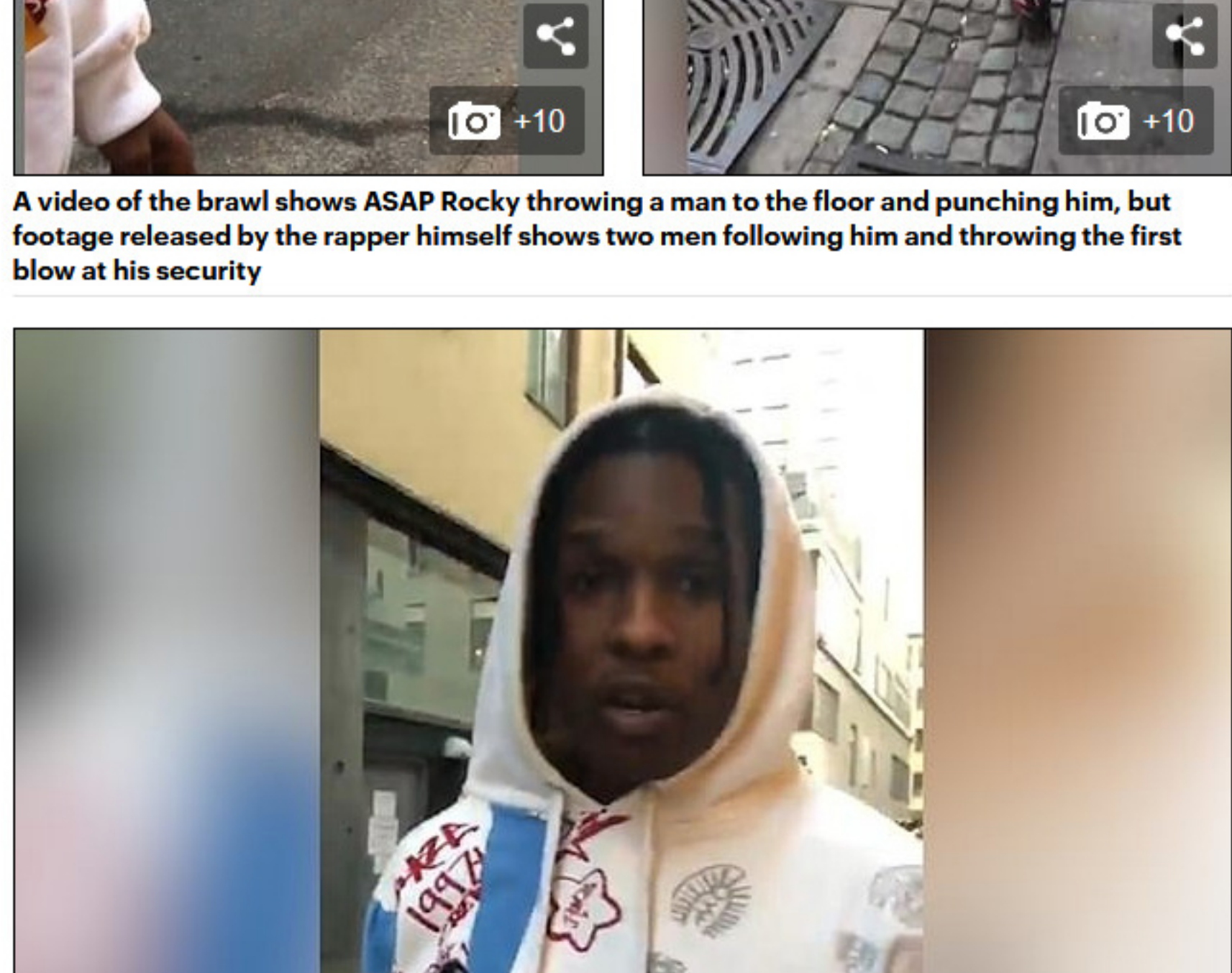
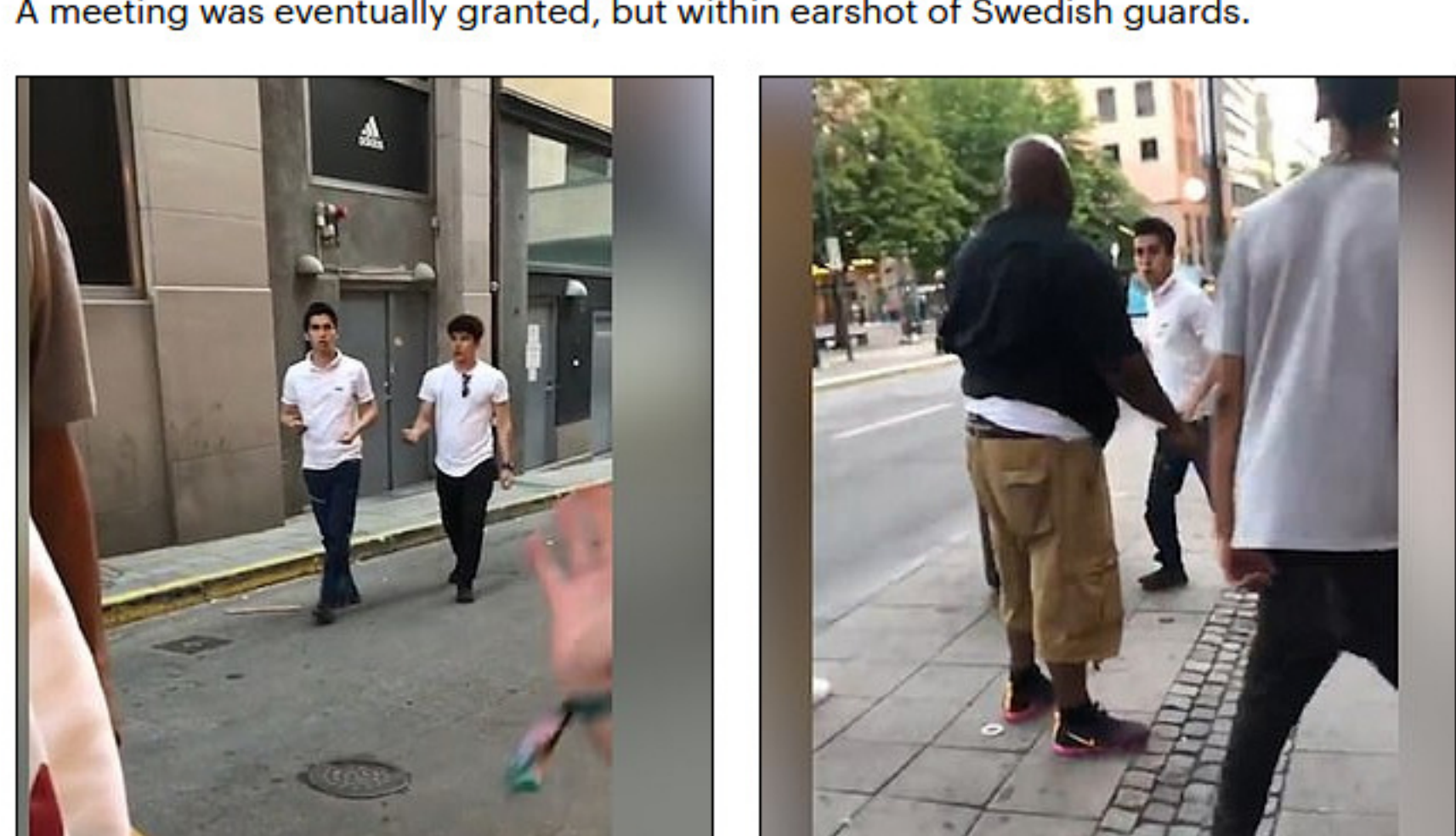
who bangs his head against the wall and throws faeces 'every which way'.

because food in the facility is inedible and the water is unclean, **TMZ** reported.

It is understood he is now in a facility where the conditions are 'markedly better'. Officials from the US consulate, who should have been allowed to see Meyers immediately following his arrest, have not been able to find him for nearly a month.

direct knowledge of Rocky's situation said.

conditions inside the facility, the sources said.



The rapper turns to the camera to say 'we don't want problems'. Prosecutors in Sweden must decide by Friday whether or not to file charges in the case

He claims that the man kept following him, harassed him and swore at his security.

In his first court appearance a judge ordered him to be held for up to two weeks

Another court order would then be needed if the police need more time to carry out

Lawyers for the entertainer appealed the decision to the appeals court which upheld

In their initial ruling, the judge said that Mayers is a flight risk and will likely leave the country if released.

The rapper, who is in the midst of a European tour, has already been forced to cancel shows in Norway, Poland, Ireland and Britain because of the arrest.

Fans, as well as fellow musicians, have publicly urged Swedish authorities to release the American entertainer.

which is another of ASAP Rocky's nicknames.

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