

Theresa May MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department
2 Marsham St
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Dear Ms May

Bhatti Family: Sardar, Faiza, Adam (5) and Saffron(3) Home Office Ref:A1425500

I am writing to urge you to use your discretionary powers to intervene to reunite this family. The father, who is the main carer for his children and wife, has been forcibly removed from the UK. The mother and children are left distraught.

I have read of their story: of their experiences as a Christian family fleeing extremist Muslims, and of their sorry state now, with the father removed and mother left to cope with mental ill-health while trying to support her children alone. I am sure you are aware of the dangers facing christian converts in Pakistan. I have read the reports from Amnesty and others which make it clear that the Pakistani state offers no protection. I therefore find it hard to believe that they are not to be allowed sanctuary in the UK. I have read Faiza's letter to the European Court of Human Rights. I have placed the entire letter below, and would urge you to read it to.

LETTER FROM FAIZA:

My name is Faiza Anjum and I am writing this letter out of desperation and fear, in support of my husband Sardar Anjum Bhatti and my two children Saffron, aged 3 and Adam aged 5. Our appeals for asylum have been turned down and our request for a Judicial Review hearing has been also been turned down. We have been given a removal date for 20th September. This is the third time the UK Border Agency has issued removal directions. Each time this happens it feels like a knife wound to my heart. I have not seen my husband Sardar for one and half months as he is being held at Harmondsworth detention centre. He will not see me or the children as it is too upsetting for him when we leave after visiting time is over. I wish it were possible for people living in the west to see and feel how we are treated through my eyes, to live in fear of being returned to a country that is ruled by a government that is in constant fear of Muslim fundamental groups who dictate the way our civil law is made, using Sharia law as a weapon of fear.

As a Christian convert from Islam I am marked for death by such groups. When I was a muslim my father used to tell me how a fatwa was issued on people who renounce Islam and convert to another religion. How they would burn and hang the bodies of such people as an example to others thinking of converting, it was, as he put it, "our duty to protect the holy name of Islam by informing the Lashkar-e-Tayeba" (feared fundamental group in the Punjab district responsible for the killings of Christian converts from Islam). I have also been told by a friend of mine in Pakistan that I am the target of this group as well; she sent me a copy of a death order with my name and picture on it. I am so scared you can't imagine the fear I am feeling. If I go back to Pakistan I may as well kill myself, it will be less painful than the torture that awaits my family. I pray to God every day to deliver us from this torment. I don't understand why no one will help us. At the Hearing I was so scared and confused I did not know what was happening. I don't want to die. Please don't let them kill me and my husband. They will take my children and raise them as Muslims. Please can you help us and stop our removal from the UK

yours sincerely

Faiza Anjum
written with the help of my brother-in-law, David Camp

I urge you to use your powers to reunite this family in the UK and allow them the sanctuary that is their right: to live peace according to their faith in Britain.

Yours sincerely

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