

## Missing NHS GP released to court

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A missing NHS doctor has been freed into the custody of a Bangladesh court following claims she was being held captive in the country by her parents

Lawyers for trainee GP Humayra Abedin, 33, from east London, said her family planned to force her into marriage. She had travelled to Dhaka in August after hearing her mother was very ill.

London's High Court had ordered her return to the UK under the new Forced Marriage Act and the High Court in Dhaka has now ruled she must be freed.

Dr Abedin's parents had been ordered to appear with their daughter at the court in Dhaka on Sunday.

She was later released into the custody of the court and is now expected to be handed over to the British High Commission before flying back to the UK.

Her parents, said to be stunned by the ruling, were ordered to return to the court with their daughter's passport and other personal belongings.

The BBC's Mark Dummet in Dhaka said Dr Abedin's father collapsed from the shock.

She was expected to leave Bangladesh on a flight on Monday morning, he added.

Dr Abedin arrived in Britain in September 2002, when she studied for a Masters degree in public health at Leeds University.

She had been due to start work in August as a registrar at a GP surgery in east London but travelled to Dhaka after being told that her mother was ill.

The High Court had served the family with an injunction under the Forced Marriage Act, effectively blocking any marriage.

The family had until Sunday to allow her return or face jail for failing to comply with a court order.

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