

# **MOST URGENT - - - BREAKING NEWS**

## **IMMEDIATE ACTION**

### **Liam Byrne MP sanctions illegal deportation of Bangladeshi family against medical advice.**

The Chowdhury family from Liverpool are facing imminent deportation this Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> April 2007) from Heathrow Airport.

The family is being held at the notorious Yarls Wood Immigration Removal Centre in Bedford. In a harrowing telephone interview with Roger Phillips of BBC Radio Merseyside, Mrs Chowdhury and her 17 year old son Ishtiak described the inhumane way in which they were being treated and appealed for help.

Mrs Chowdhury has been diagnosed with a serious medical condition and was due to have a surgical operation on Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup> April 2007). This appointment had been brought forward because of the seriousness of the situation. Today (30<sup>th</sup> March 2007) Mrs Chowdhury, in a telephone conversation with Ms Pat Towey - Deputy Head of Childwall School, Liverpool, where the two Chowdhury children attended – made a desperate plea for help in getting medical assistance. Mrs Chowdhury has spent the last three days in agony and all medication and medical assistance has been withdrawn from her. It is believed that the Immigration Authorities will not allow a doctor to examine Mrs Chowdhury because she will be declared unfit for flying.

The Asylum Link co-ordinator in Liverpool, Yeuen, confirmed that Mrs Chowdhury's full medical reports and recommendations from doctors that it would be dangerous for her to fly and that she requires urgent medical treatment have been sent to the Home Office. The Home Office denies having received these. Mrs Chowdhury's doctor has sent a letter directly to the Home Office confirming the appointment for her urgent operation. The receipt of this letter has also been denied.

The Home Office claim while being examined by their medical inspector she did not inform them of her severe abdominal condition. During her live telephone interview on BBC Radio Merseyside, Mrs Chowdhury was heard to complain about the pain she was in and confirmed that all medication and medical assistance had been withdrawn from her.

Mrs Chowdhury's 13 year old daughter Nazifa was also due to attend Liverpool's Alder Hey children's hospital because of debilitating migraines and headaches she has suffered with since her kidnapping in India. Doctors have confirmed that her symptoms are comparable with someone suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. Nazifa has suffered restraint and being caged by Immigration Officials and this action will only serve to aggravate Nazifa's condition.

It is believed that the family will be deported on the British Airways flight from Heathrow to Bangladesh on Sunday afternoon (1<sup>st</sup> April 2007).

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Photographs and video clips available at: <http://www.edwardjkelly.com/choudhury.htm>

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