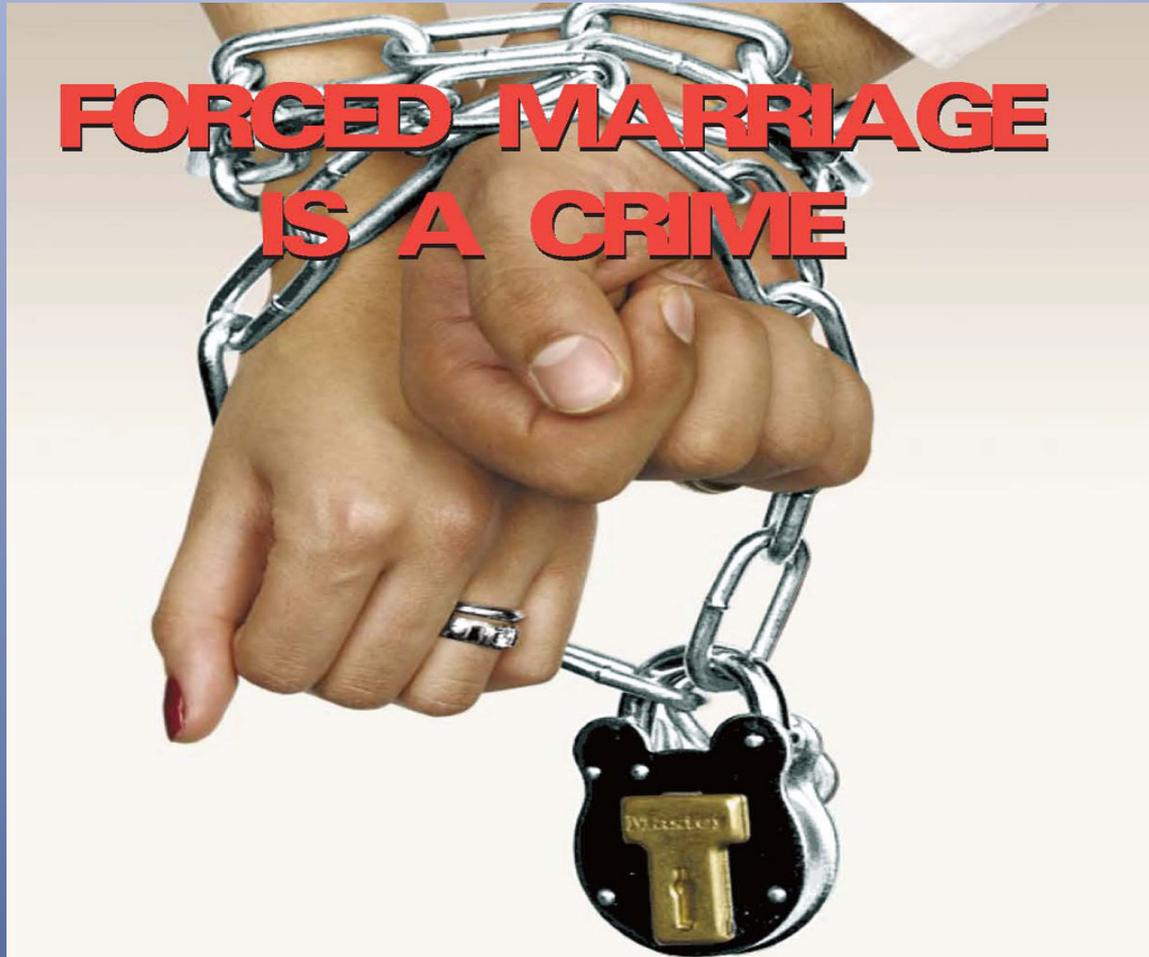


FORCED MARRIAGE

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- **Forced marriage** is a **marriage** in which one or both of the parties is **married** without his or her consent or against his or her will.
- A **forced marriage** differs from an **arranged marriage**, in which both parties consent to the assistance of their parents or a third party (such as a matchmaker) in identifying a spouse.

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- The UK's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) have outlined the following reasons why people coerce others into matrimony:
- To control unwanted behaviour and sexuality, and prevent 'unsuitable' relationships, i.e. with people outside their ethnic, cultural, caste or religious group
- To protect perceived cultural or religious ideals

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- The UK's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) have outlined the following reasons why people coerce others into matrimony Cont.
- Family 'honour' or long-standing family commitments
- Peer group or family pressure
- To ensure land, property and wealth remain in the family
- To strengthen family links
- To assist claims for residence and citizenship
- To provide a carer for a disabled family member / reduce the 'stigma' of disability.

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- Previously, courts have only been able to issue civil orders to prevent victims being forced into marriage.
- From June 2014, parents who force their children to marry can be punished by up to seven years in prison.

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- **Force marriage offences**
- Taking someone overseas to force them to marry (whether or not the forced marriage takes place).
- Marrying someone who lacks the mental capacity to consent to the marriage (whether they're pressured to or not)
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