



## **Afrah Qassim: Views on Making Forced Marriage a Criminal Offence**

My individual views, I am very concern in making forced marriage a criminal offence, I believe that by criminalising forced marriage would stop those who are in need of protection to come forward, because they would not want to stand against their families or want them to go into prison.

My views on this is not about introducing another law, it's about emphasising on education in school, communities as well as professionals specific on forced marriage issue and why it happen in our communities and inform them about forced marriage the right of the individual if this occur to them or any one they are aware of in particular the right of women in this country. As well inform them of all support and services they can access locally and nationally.

There are already many criminal laws that can be used when forcing people into marriage and against their will.