

ISIS bride stripped of her British citizenship

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A 19-year-old woman who ran away from the U.K. to join ISIS has been stripped of her British citizenship. Shamima Begum left London in 2015 when she was 15 to live in the Islamic State. The U.K. said that anyone who joined ISIS was a

terrorist and had no right to a British passport. Ms Begum was found in a refugee camp in Syria earlier this week. British newspapers and TV stations interviewed her. She spoke of her desire to return to her home in London. She gave birth to her third child days after the interviews. Her first two babies died from malnutrition. Shamima got married to an ISIS fighter several weeks after reaching Syria. She said she enjoyed life in the IS as a housewife.

Under international law, the U.K. cannot take away anyone's passport if that person becomes stateless. The U.K. said Ms Begum is a citizen of Bangladesh because her mother was born there. However, Bangladesh's ministry of foreign affairs said Ms Begum is not a Bangladeshi citizen. It said there is "no question" of her being allowed into the country. Bangladesh is "deeply concerned" that the U.K. has called her a Bangladeshi national. Ms Begum said she only has "one citizenship". She said: "I wasn't born in Bangladesh, I've never seen Bangladesh...so how can they claim I have Bangladeshi citizenship?" The U.K. said Ms Begum's baby could still be British.

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Writing

Someone who joins ISIS should lose their citizenship. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

ran away / ISIS / British / citizenship / terrorist / passport / refugee / desire / fighter / international law / citizen / foreign affairs / concerned / national / Bangladesh / baby

True / False

- a) The woman who left the UK is now 19 years old. T / F
- b) The woman left the UK when she was 15 to join ISIS. T / F
- c) The woman wants to return to her home in London. T / F
- d) Shamima said she didn't enjoy her life in the Islamic State. T / F
- e) International law allows people to be made stateless. T / F
- f) Shamima's mother was born in Bangladesh. T / F
- g) Bangladesh has welcomed Shamima to live there. T / F
- h) Shamima has only been to Bangladesh two times. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. stripped | a. state |
| 2. joined | b. a number of |
| 3. desire | c. deprived |
| 4. malnutrition | d. national |
| 5. several | e. wish |
| 6. take away | f. let |
| 7. citizen | g. worried |
| 8. allowed | h. teamed up with |
| 9. concerned | i. confiscate |
| 10. claim | j. hunger |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about this story?
- b) What should happen to people who joined ISIS?
- c) Why do you think Shamima left London to join ISIS?
- d) If she was brainwashed, should we feel sorry for her?
- e) Is Britain right to take away Shamima's citizenship?
- f) Would you want Shamima to live next to you?
- g) Do you have sympathy for Shamima?
- h) What advice do you have for Shamima?

Phrase Match

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| 1. had no right to | a. as a housewife |
| 2. She spoke of her desire | b. of foreign affairs |
| 3. Her first two babies died from | c. citizenship |
| 4. several weeks | d. a British passport |
| 5. she enjoyed life in the IS | e. concerned |
| 6. Under international | f. malnutrition |
| 7. Bangladesh's ministry | g. her being allowed |
| 8. there is "no question" of | h. after reaching Syria |
| 9. deeply | i. law |
| 10. they claim I have Bangladeshi | j. to return to her home |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Has Britain's decision changed your view of Britain?
- Should Britain show its tolerance?
- Is Bangladesh right to refuse Shamima citizenship?
- What will happen to ISIS?
- Should Shamima be punished?
- What should happen to Shamima's baby?
- What questions would you like to ask Shamima Begum?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. c	2. h	3. e	4. j	5. b
6. i	7. d	8. f	9. g	10. a

Role Play

Role A – Food

You think food is the biggest thing people would miss about not living in their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these you would miss least (and why): TV, weather or shopping.

Role B – TV

You think TV is the biggest thing people would miss about not living in their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these you would miss least (and why): food, weather or shopping.

Role C – Weather

You think weather is the biggest thing people would miss about not living in their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these you would miss least (and why): TV, food or shopping.

Role D – Shopping

You think shopping is the biggest thing people would miss about not living in their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these you would miss least (and why): TV, weather or food.

Speaking – Not a Citizen

Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would most miss if you could not live in your country at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • food | • friends |
| • your house | • language |
| • TV | • shopping |
| • weather | • entertainment |

Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.