



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

DAY 2. 26 NOVEMBER, 2016

FORCED/ ARRANGED MARRIAGE, UNDER-AGE MARRIAGE

- * Under laws passed by the Australian government in 2013, it is illegal to coerce, threaten or deceive someone into marriage.
- * Forced marriage is a slavery-like practice, a form of gender-based violence and an abuse of human rights. This situation is not limited to any particular cultural group, religion or ethnicity and it occurs world-wide. Whilst men and boys can be victims of forced marriage, most reported victims are young women and girls.
- * Offences apply regardless of the age, gender or sexual orientation of the victim.
- * A servile marriage is a very specific form of forced marriage. A servile marriage is defined in the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery 1956.
- * The Convention on the Rights of the Child says that any person “below the age of 18” is a child.
- * The Crimes Legislation Amendment (Slavery and Slavery-like Conditions and People Trafficking) Bill 2012, Division 270.7A refers.
- * Report ALL cases/suspected cases of forced/arranged marriage to relevant Federal/State authorities

RESOURCES:

Attorney-General’s Department guidelines

www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/HumanTrafficking/ForcedMarriage

CONTACTS:

In an emergency, call the police on 000 (triple zero)

Australian Federal Police Ph. 131 237

Kids Helpline Ph. 1800 551 800



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Crime Stoppers Ph. 1800 333 000 (where children are at risk of being taken overseas)

Anti-Slavery Australia Ph. 02 9514 9662; www.antislavery.org.au/

Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights Ph. 03 9481 3000

Salvation Army Ph. 02 9211 5794 <http://endslavery.salvos.org.au>

National Sexual assault, Domestic & Family Violence Counselling Service
Ph. 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

Information Sheet

<https://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/HumanTrafficking/Document/ForcedMarriage.aspx>



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