

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
BEFORE THE HON. MR JUSTICE CHAMBERLAIN**

AC-2025-LON-000997



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B E T W E E N:

THE KING on the application of
(1) BEL
(2) BEB
(3) BCC
(4) BEC
(5) BKJ (by her litigation friend, BSJ)
(6) BDM (by his litigation friend, BSJ)

Claimants

-and-

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN,
COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS**

Defendant

ORDER

UPON hearing counsel for the Claimants and the Defendant at a rolled-up hearing on 9 July 2025, and for the reasons given in the judgment of the Court (neutral citation [2025] EWHC 1970 (Admin));

AND UPON the Defendant confirming that any application for permission to appeal made under paragraph 6 below will be made without prejudice to the reconsideration undertaken pursuant to paragraph 3 below;

AND UPON reading the short written submissions of the Claimants and the Defendant dated 28 July 2025;

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Permission to apply for judicial review is granted in respect of grounds 1 and 2.
2. The Defendant's decision of 6 June 2025 is quashed on ground 1.

3. The Defendant must make a new decision on the Claimants' request for consular assistance in accordance with the following timetable: (i) the Claimants may provide any additional representations and evidence by 4pm on 30 July 2025; (ii) the Respondent must make a new decision by 4pm on 13 August 2025.
4. The issue of costs is to be determined as follows:
 - a. The Claimants may file and serve written submissions on costs limited to two sides of A4 paper by 4pm on 30 July 2025.
 - b. The Defendant may file and serve written submissions on costs limited to two sides of A4 paper by 4pm on 1 August 2025.
 - c. The Claimants may file and serve any reply limited to one side of A4 paper by 12 noon on 4 August 2025.
 - d. Costs are to be determined on the papers by Mr Justice Chamberlain thereafter.
5. There is to be a detailed assessment of the Claimants' publicly funded costs.
6. Any application by either party for permission to appeal is to be made and determined as follows:
 - a. Any application to this Court for permission to appeal must be filed and served by 4pm on 27 August 2025.
 - b. The other party must file and serve any submissions in response by 4pm on 3 September 2025.
 - c. The application(s) will be determined on the papers by Mr Justice Chamberlain on the papers thereafter.
 - d. If permission to appeal is refused, any party seeking permission to appeal must file any appeal notice at the Court of Appeal within 21 days after the date of this Court's decision refusing permission.

REASONS

In light of the judgment, the terms of the Order were agreed in substance, subject to two points.

As to the first, permission to apply for judicial review is granted on both grounds. Ground 2, ultimately unsuccessful, surmounted the low hurdle of being reasonably arguable.

The second point concerns the timing of the reconsideration. It is understandable and appropriate that the decision in this case should be taken alongside decisions in other cases and that these decisions will require careful consideration within Government, but the Claimants and others in Gaza are at daily risk of death from military action or starvation. In those circumstances, 14 days is sufficient for the decisions to be reconsidered.

Dated: 28 July 2025

BY THE COURT