

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) Appeal Number: PA/11821/2018

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Determined on the papers: Decision & Reasons Promulgated:

31 January 2020 On 04 February 2020

Before

UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE O'CONNOR

Between

AD (Anonymity Direction Made)

Appellant

and

Secretary of State for the Home Department

Respondent

Anonymity Direction

I make an order under r.14(1) of the Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) Rules 2008 prohibiting the disclosure or publication of any matter likely to lead members of the public to identify the appellant. No report of these proceedings shall directly or indirectly identify the appellant. This direction applies to both the appellant and to the respondent and all other persons. Failure to comply with this direction could lead to contempt of court proceedings. Liberty to apply.

DECISION AND REASONS

It is not in dispute that the appellant is a national of Sudan and a member of the Berti tribe (and therefore a "Non-Arab Dafuri"). He appealed to the FtT against a decision of the SSHD of 24 September 2018 refusing his protection and human rights claims.

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- 2. The First-tier Tribunal dismissed the appellant's appeal, but permission to appeal against such decision was subsequently granted.
- 3. By way of rule 24 Notice sent to the Upper Tribunal on 13 January 2020, the SSHD invited the Upper Tribunal to remake the decision in accordance with the terms of the recent Upper Tribunal decision in AAR & AA (Non-Arab Dafuris return) Sudan [2019] UKUT 282 (IAC). I treat this as an invitation for the Upper Tribunal to set aside the decision of the First-tier Tribunal on the basis that it was wrong to distinguish the Country Guidance decision of MM [2015] UKUT 00010 and then, upon re-making the decision on appeal for itself, to follow the reasoning identified in AAR. Taking such a course inexorably leads the appellant's appeal being allowed.
- 4. I conclude, for the reasons set out in the preceding paragraph, that the decision of the First-tier Tribunal is vitiated by legal error and I set it aside. Upon remaking, I conclude that the appellant's appeal should be allowed on the basis that his removal to Sudan would lead to a breach of the Refugee Convention.

Decision

For the reasons given above,

- (I) The decision of the First-tier Tribunal is set aside;
- (II) The appellant's appeal is allowed on the basis that his removal would breach the United Kingdom's obligations under the Refugee Convention.

Signed: Upper Tribunal Judge O'Connor

Date: 31 January 2020