

Dubai's Princess Haya wants protection from the city's ruler

For many outside the Middle East, Dubai has developed a reputation as a **glitzy**, **cosmopolitan** hub — a view molded and propagated by its ruler, **Sheikh** Mohammed bin Rashid Maktoum, 70, who is also the vice president of the **United Arab Emirates**.

glitzy 闪光的；盛大的

cosmopolitan 世界性的

Sheikh 阿拉伯酋长

emirate 酋长

But Maktoum, a billionaire racehorse owner, has faced **successive** claims of mistreatment by women in his family.

successive 连续的；继承的

This week, one of Maktoum's six wives, Princess Haya Bint Hussein, 45, appealed to Britain's High Court for a forced marriage protection order for one of their children.

Haya's case has fixed a fresh spotlight on previous allegations of cruelty against Maktoum from female members of his family. Two of his daughters from another wife have attempted to flee the kingdom, saying they sought freedom from the family's **repressive** rule. They were both captured and brought back to Dubai.

repressive 镇压的

Unlike Maktoum's daughters, Princess Haya has royal connections of her own. Her father is the late king of **Jordan**, and her **half-brother** is the country's current ruler, King Abdullah II. But Haya still seemed to fear for her safety. In addition to the forced marriage protection order, the princess requested a "non-**molestation** order" to protect herself from threats or **harassment**, according to Reuters.

Jordan 约旦

half-brother 半血缘的兄弟

molestation 折磨；调戏；性侵害

harassment 骚扰；烦恼

Maktoum is opposing the applications through his lawyers and called for his children to be returned to Dubai, the Associated Press reported.