

Dubai ruler's wife asks UK court for forced marriage protection order

Notes & Cues:**Article:**

The estranged wife of the ruler of Dubai has asked an English court for a forced marriage protection order relating to their children and a non-molestation order after the breakdown of the marriage.

Princess Haya of Jordan, 45, appeared in the family court division of the high court, central London, on Tuesday, for a preliminary hearing.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, who did not appear at the hearing, is arguing in the same proceedings for the return of the couple's two children to Dubai. Princess Haya has applied for wardship of the children.

Before the breakdown of their marriage, Sheikh Mohammed and Princess Haya had been described as a perfect couple and often appeared together at international social events.

The princess was educated at private schools in the UK and studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University. She has served on the International Olympic Committee and has been a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme.

The Emirati royal family has already been subjected to unwelcome publicity over the case of Princess Latifa, Sheikh Mohammed's daughter. She allegedly escaped Dubai and was seized by commandos off the coast of India and returned to her home.

Summary: