

## **"Forced Marriage - A Crime of 'Honour'"**

**Preliminary Paper by Hannana Siddiqui, Southall Black Sisters, UK**

### **Abstract**

Hannana Siddiqui, Co-ordinator of Southall Black Sisters, London, UK, was commissioned by the Project to produce a paper under this title examining the issues of forced marriage as an 'honour crime' against Asian and other black/minority women in the UK.

The paper addresses recent developments on the issue and the different strategies employed by women's groups to address the problem. It also examines the response of minority communities, wider society and the state.

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