

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Numbers: PA/01415/2017

# THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at the Royal Courts of Decision & Reasons Promulgated Justice On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Before

#### **UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE FRANCES**

Between

#### E M M E (ANONYMITY DIRECTION MADE)

and

<u>Appellant</u>

## THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT Respondent

**Representation**:

For the Appellant: In person For the Respondent: Mr P Duffy, Home Office Presenting Officer

# **DECISION AND DIRECTIONS**

- 1. The Appellant is a citizen of Egypt born in 1978. He appeals against the decision of First-tier Tribunal Telford, dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017, dismissing his appeal against the refusal of his protection claim on asylum, humanitarian protection and human rights grounds.
- 2. Permission to appeal was granted by First-tier Tribunal Judge Bird on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 on the grounds that it was arguable the judge erred in law in refusing an adjournment to enable the Appellant to obtain further medical

evidence. The Appellant was epileptic and was vomiting during a short adjournment of the hearing. There was evidence that the Appellant suffered fits and received psychotherapy in detention. It was arguable that, in failing to investigate further and in continuing with the hearing, the judge failed to give the Appellant an opportunity to have a fair and full hearing.

- 3. Mr Duffy expressed his concern for other matters in the decision, in particular the judge had failed to appreciate the current situation in Egypt in assessing the Appellant's return there in 2006.
- 4. I find that the judge's refusal to adjourn the hearing was unfair in the particular circumstances of this case. I have decided in accordance with paragraph 7.2 of the Practice Statements of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 that the decision dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 should be set aside and the appeal remitted to the First-tier Tribunal. None of the judge's findings are preserved.

## **DIRECTIONS**

- (i) The Tribunal is directed pursuant to section 12(3) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 to reconsider the appeal at a hearing before a First-tier Tribunal Judge other than First-tier Tribunal Judge Telford.
- (ii) I direct that the Appellant serve on the Respondent and the Tribunal not less than 14 days before the hearing any further evidence upon which he intends to rely.
- (iii) An Arabic (Middle Eastern) interpreter is required. Time estimate two hours.

# J Frances

Signed

Date 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Upper Tribunal Judge Frances