

Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: IA/19325/2015

THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at Field House

On January 19, 2018

Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 23 January 2018

Before

DEPUTY UPPER TRIBUNAL JUDGE ALIS

Between

MR RAZA MIAH (NO ANONYMITY DIRECTION MADE)

and

Appellant

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

<u>Respondent</u>

<u>Representation</u>: For the Appellant: Mr Khan, Legal Representative For the Respondent: Mr Nath, Senior Home Office Presenting Officer

DECISION AND REASONS

- 1. I do not make an anonymity direction.
- 2. The appellant is a Bangladeshi national. The appellant applied for a residence card as the extended family member of an EEA national under Regulations 8 and 17 of the Immigration (European Economic Area) 2006. The respondent refused this application on May 7, 2015.
- 3. The appellant lodged grounds of appeal on May 21, 2015 under Regulation 26 of the 2006 Regulations and Section 82(1) of the Nationality,

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Immigration and Asylum Act 2002. His appeal came before Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Connor (hereinafter called "the Judge") on September 16, 2016 and in a decision promulgated on December 12, 2016 the Judge found there was no jurisdiction to hear the appeal relying on <u>Sala (EFMs:</u> <u>Right of Appeal)</u> [2016] UKUT 00411 (IAC).

- 4. The appellant appealed the decision on December 29, 2016. Permission to appeal was initially refused by Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Landes on June 27, 2017 based on the findings in <u>Sala</u>. The appellant renewed his grounds of appeal on July 14, 2017 and Upper Tribunal Judge Bruce granted permission to appeal on the basis of the Court of Appeal decision in <u>Khan v SSHD</u> [2017] EWCA Civ 1755.
- 5. The matter came before me on the above date and the parties were represented as set out above.

PRELIMINARY ISSUE

- 6. Both Mr Nath and Mr Khan indicated that they had discussed the case and submitted that this appeal should be adjourned pending the decision by the Supreme Court in <u>SM (Algeria) v Entry Clearance Officer</u> which was due to address the rights of appeal to extended family members. The decision was imminent albeit no date for the handing down of the decision had been announced.
- 7. I indicated to both representatives that I had two options today. I could either follow their suggested path or I could simply find an error in law and remit the case back to the First-tier where these issues could be properly argued. In the event the Supreme Court endorsed the views of the Court of Appeal a substantive hearing could then take place whereas if the Supreme Court upheld the view expressed by the Upper Tribunal in <u>Sala</u> then the First-tier Tribunal would be able to deal with the matter on the basis there was no jurisdiction. I indicated that the second option was my preferred option in the absence of any blanket stay on such applications.
- 8. Both representatives agreed with my suggestion and I found an error in law for the reason argued in the grounds of appeal.

DECISION

9. The making of the decision of the First-tier Tribunal did involve the making of an error on a point of law. I set aside the decision. I remit the decision to the First-tier Tribunal to be heard by a Judge other than Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Connor.

Signed

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Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge Alis