

Rights and personal freedoms – situation cards

Mrs Aziz, a classroom assistant, was sacked from her job after refusing to remove her niqab, a full face covering worn by some Muslim women, after her students complained that they couldn't understand her. Her job was to translate for children who had difficulties with English at school.

James Rogers, a blogger, is facing prison for calling a female local government representative an obscene name on his blog. He also threatened to publish her address so that his readers could attack her house. He claims that he was entitled to do this, as he has freedom of speech.

Magazines in a number of European countries published topless photographs of a world-famous female celebrity. They were taken with a long-distance lens while she was sunbathing on private property. The magazine that originally published the pictures is arguing that they have freedom of the press, which allows them to publish these pictures. The celebrity and her husband are suing the magazine for breach of privacy. However, some media reports have suggested that she should have been more careful.

A 24-year-old was forced to resign from her job as a social worker after six days in the job. This followed the discovery by her new employers of comments that she had made on Twitter that were seen by some as racist and homophobic. She had made the comments two years earlier and made a full apology to her employer.