

**Upper Tribunal** (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

Appeal Number: HU/04577/2019

# THE IMMIGRATION ACTS

Heard at Manchester Civil Justice Centre On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 Decision & Reasons Promulgated On 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Before

## Upper Tribunal Judge Chalkley

Between

## X H (ANONYMITY DIRECTION MADE)

**Appellant** 

and

#### THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT Respondent

Representation:

For the Appellant: For the Respondent:

*Mr Franczak, Counsel Mr Bates, Senior Home Office Presenting Officer* 

## **REASONS FOR FINDING AN ERROR OF LAW**

- The appellant is a citizen of the People's Republic of China born on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1982. He made application for leave to remain in the United Kingdom on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 and that application was refused by the respondent on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- 2. The appellant's immigration history is as follows. He claims to have arrived in the United Kingdom on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and on that date claimed that he was at risk in China as a practising Christian. His application was refused on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2004 and the appellant appealed. His appeal was dismissed in a determination

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promulgated on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2005. He made further submissions unsuccessfully in April 2012 and May 2012. On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 the appellant had a child with [DC], a woman who at that time had indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom.

- Further submissions were made, as a result of which the appellant was granted leave to remain outside the Immigration Rules on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 until 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. It was on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 that the appellant made his application which was the subject of the respondent's refusal on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.
- 4. As a result of that refusal the appellant appealed to the First-tier Tribunal and his appeal was heard by First-tier Tribunal Judge Evans in Manchester on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- 5. Before me both representatives agreed that the First-tier Tribunal Judge had made an error of law and that his determination could not stand. He failed properly to consider Section 55 and the best rights of the appellant's child.
- 6. As a result, I set aside the determination save for the finding at paragraph 61 of the determination, which will stand. The appeal will be reheard by the First-tier Tribunal by a judge other than First-tier Tribunal Judge Evans given that the appellant has effectively been denied a fair hearing. A Mandarin interpreter is required, and two hours should be set aside for the hearing of the appeal.

Richard Chalkley

**Upper Tribunal Judge Chalkley** 

Date 10 September 2019