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Belarus Olympian seeking asylum in Poland after refusing 'forced' flight home

A sprinter from Belarus who refused her husband's order to fly home early from the Olympics is seeking asylum in Poland, activists say.

Kristina Timanovskaya spent the night secured in a hotel under protection from Japanese police, after saying she was fleeing to join the protest for civil rights.

She refused to fly home early if she were to be returned to her country.

Belarus says she was transferred from the team because of the coronavirus.

Ms. Timanovskaya, 25, was arrested after the Polish authorities in Tokyo on Monday after arriving in a controlled area.

An opposition group which helps athletes in Belarus told the BBC that Ms. Timanovskaya was seeking asylum in Poland.

The Belarusian Sports Solidarity Foundation was created last year to support athletes during the nationwide protest over the disputed election of President Alexander Lukashenko.

The country's security forces have carried out a brutal crackdown on dissent. Some of those who joined the demonstrations were also national-level athletes, who were stripped of funding, or from national teams and dismissed.

Maria Prydzka, an official of the Belarusian Olympic Committee, said that the Belarusian Olympic Committee had been "offered humanitarian visa".

Her lawyer, Mr. Timanovskaya's husband, has left Belarus for Ukraine.

The sprinter, who was due to compete in the women's 200m event on Monday, had complained on social media about being denied entry into the 48th relay race at short notice after some teammates were found to be ineligible to compete.

The video had to be critical in state media, with one television channel saying she lacked "team spirit".

Ms. Timanovskaya and officials had come to her room and given her an hour to pack her bags before being escorted to Tokyo's Haneda airport. She says she was "put under pressure" by team officials to return home and asked the IOC for help.

"They are trying to get me out of the country without my permission," she said in a video posted on the Telegram channel of the Belarusian Sports Solidarity Foundation.

Antoni Kotus, a member of the group, told the BBC on Sunday: "She's afraid of repression on her family in Belarus - this is the main concern for her right now."



Israel Supreme Court to reach verdict on Sheikh Jarrah expulsions

Israel's Supreme Court is expected to reach a decision on a high-profile Sheikh Jarrah case in which four Palestinian families in occupied East Jerusalem are facing imminent expulsion to make way for Jewish settlers.

The ruling, which was initially expected in May, was postponed when the attorney general requested more time to study the case and following early protests and sit-ins that were violently dispersed by Israeli forces using tear gas, sound bombs, and rubber bullets.

Israeli media reported last month that the government was seeking to postpone the hearing for another six months in order to defuse tensions. A verdict is expected on Monday morning.

The four families are part of a group of more than 500 Palestinians - comprising 28 families - facing expulsions from the neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah.

In June, Israel's attorney general informed the Supreme Court that he would not intervene in the high-profile case.

Israeli rights groups condemned the move, saying it was a "gross violation of the rule of law" and that it was a "gross violation of the rule of law".

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Tunisia's parliament speaker and head of Ennahda party transferred to hospital

Tunisia's parliament speaker and head of the Ennahda party, Nabil Karoui, was transferred to a hospital in Tunis on Sunday after suffering from a heart attack.

Karoui, 60, has had a long history of health problems. He was hospitalized in 2017 after suffering from a heart attack, and in 2018 after suffering from a stroke.

Karoui is the head of the Ennahda party, which is the largest political party in Tunisia. He has been a member of the parliament since 2010.

Karoui is expected to remain in the hospital for several days.

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