

French Muslims use our cash to fight burkha ban in France

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A FRENCH Muslim couple sparked fury yesterday by using a free legal service paid for by British taxpayers to challenge their country's controversial burkha ban.

The unnamed husband and wife claim they were forced to move to Britain from France by the new law which prevents women wearing the veil in public.

They want Â£10,000 damages because the "unnecessary, disproportionate and unlawful" ban breaches their right to free movement across the European Union.

Now based in the West Midlands, they are trying to overturn the law at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

The couple are represented by lawyers from Britain's Immigration Advisory Service which gets an annual Â£15million in taxpayers' cash.

Robina Shah, a Birmingham-based solicitor, has instructed top immigration and public law barrister Ramby de Mello to fight their landmark case.

But last night, Ukip MEP Gerard Batten blamed the costly "mess" on European laws designed to over-ride domestic law.

"We are in a mess because we allow EU law to supersede UK law, and the result is that your internal affairs are in trouble," he said.

"It's a nonsense. It should be up to the French to sort out whether they want to ban the burkha in their country or not, and someone should challenge it from within.

"About 10 per cent of the population of France are Muslim. Why don't they club together and pay for someone to challenge it."

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