## Four members of Rochdale grooming gang could be deported to Pakistan

From the <u>Rochdale have lost their legal challenge</u> to remain UK citizens and could face deportation.

Ringleader Shabir Ahmed and Adil Khan, Abdul Rauf and Abdul Aziz could soon be sent back to their home country of Pakistan after immigration judges rejected their appeals against a move to strip them of British citizenship.

Paedophile Ahmed, 63, had previously tried and failed to overturn his convictions at a European court, arguing his trial was unfair because all the members of the jury were white.

The four men have now lost appeals against a move by then Home Secretary Theresa May to strip them of British citizenship as a first step to deportation.

It is not yet known how long it will take to deport them — and there are concerns there may be a few more hurdles to overcome.

A senior source told the M.E.N. there are worries deportation may be tricky because of concerns over Pakistani criminals bribing their way out of jail.

The government wants Ahmed, Aziz and Khan, who are still behind bars, (according to