Shalwati freed from Swedish prison

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PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian mother convicted of hitting her children while in Sweden has been released from prison. She is expected to return home tomorrow.

Shalwati Nurshal, the wife of a Tourism Malaysia director in Stockholm, was released from Swedish custody around 9.40am local time (around 3pm Malaysian time).

She was held in the Hinseberg women prison, in Frvri Municipality, about 200km away from Stockholm, Sweden.

Arriving at the Malaysian embassy in Stockholm, she was met by the Malaysian ambassador to Sweden, Datuk Badruddin Abdul Rahman.

Describing her experience to the ambassador, Shalwati said the experience was humbling.

“You appreciate life better. It’s just good to be out, alhamdulillah,” she said.

A source said Shalwati was expected to reach Malaysia by tomorrow afternoon.

Shalwati’s husband, Azizul Raheem Awalluddin, a Tourism Malaysia director in Stockholm was sentenced to 10 months’ jail on March 28 by the Solna District Court. He was released in July.

The same court sentenced Shalwati to 14 months in prison.

Taking into account the three months the parents had already spent in detention during the trial, plus early release for good behaviour, the parents actually served about three months and six months, respectively.

The court also ordered Shalwati and Azizul to pay their children 67,200 SEK (RM33,900) and 36,400 SEK (RM18,362), respectively.