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## **Australian Story: When Plans Change (Sally Faulkner)**

**An EXCLUSIVE two-part special airing Monday  
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*Brisbane mother Sally Faulkner reveals in detail for the first time the story behind a desperate attempt to get her children back from Beirut, which landed her in jail along with a 60 Minutes crew and a recovery team.*

The CCTV footage of two children being snatched from the streets of Beirut was startling.

News reports filtered in of a desperate mother, an Australian television crew and a child recovery team, all detained in a Beirut jail.

The woman behind the headlines was Sally Faulkner.

She was found by police with her children, six-year-old Lahela and three-year-old Noah, hiding in a safe house in a poor part of Beirut.

Ten months earlier, her estranged husband Ali Elamine had requested to take the children back to Lebanon for a holiday. He then called Sally to say the children would not be coming home.

What had begun as a custody battle now turned into an international incident.

Just who is the woman behind the headlines and how did it come to this?

*Australian Story* traces the relationship between Sally and Ali from its romantic beginnings through a rocky path to its bitter end. Surprisingly, this was not the first time Ali had separated Sally from one of her children.

***When Plans Change*** goes to the heart of the question of what went wrong.

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