

## News in brief

**A re-cap of the top news stories from the past month**

### **Seven illegal workers arrested in Bradford, 4th October 2010**

The UK Border Agency officers have arrested seven men after they were found to be working illegally in a kebab house in Bradford.

### **Scientists protest immigration cap 8th October 2010**

A group of Nobel prize-winning scientists has warned that the proposed UK immigration cap could damage the country's reputation for scientific excellence.

### **Dependents may not qualify for indefinite leave to remain in the future, 11th October 2010**

Future proposals may result in adult dependents of skilled workers unable to apply for indefinite leave to remain (ILR) under the Tier 1 and Tier 2 visa scheme.

### **Border Agency staff strike, 13th October 2010**

About 2,500 Border Agency workers across the countries ports and airports have today gone on a two day strike. This is the Immigration Service Union's (ISU) first strike in almost 30 years.

### **Universities struggle to recruit new talent, 14th October 2010**

As the temporary immigration cap is underway one of the UK's largest research universities can only employ 78 skilled academics from overseas. The permanent cap, due to come into force in April 2011 could bring further reductions.

### **Strike causes little hassle, 15th October 2010**

UK Border Agency managed to keep disruption to travelling passengers to a minimum during the recent 48 hour strike. The UK Border Agency managed to maintain security of the border which meant there was little hassle caused to passengers.

### **Immigration Cap takes a beating, 20th October 2010**

The temporary immigration cap and proposed plans for a permanent cap to come into force in April 2011 is causing the government a stream of backlash. Amid mounting concerns that Britain's economy is facing disaster if plans continue a review is being called by businessmen, educators, politicians and Nobel Laureates.

### **UK Border Agency budget cut by 20%, 21st October 2010**

Following the government's announcement of spending cuts yesterday, the UK Border Agency has said that one of its main priorities will be securing the border and controlling migration.

### **Immigrants and asylum seekers to pay for appeals, 22nd October 2010**

The Ministry of Justice has announced that immigrants and asylum seekers will soon have to pay for appeals against decisions made over their cases.

### **UK Border Agency announces that October limit is reached for Tier 1 (General), 22nd October 2010**

The UK Border Agency has announced that the October target for Tier 1 (General) Visa applications from abroad has reached its limit.

### **Lawyer jailed over immigration scam, 26th October 2010**

A former barrister Syed Ahmed, 36, was jailed yesterday for 8.5 years for his involvement in a huge immigration scam that netted millions of pounds.

### **Car manufacturers deliver warning on UK immigration cap, 28th October 2010**

Bosses from Honda, Toyota and Nissan have issued a warning to Damian Green, UK Immigration Minister about the consequences of a permanent cap. They have claimed that limiting their access to highly skilled workers would make it difficult for them to develop new models in the UK.

## 77 deaths of asylum seekers as a result of racist policies

18th October 2010



According to a report from the Institute of Race Relations (IRR) there have been 77 deaths of asylum seekers and migrants over the past four years as a result of racist asylum and immigration policies.

The Guardian has reported that the IRR said that the 77 deaths, most of which happened in the UK were a result of "direct racism or indirect racism stemming from" asylum and immigration policies. Over a third of the deaths are people suspected or known to have committed suicide after the rejection of their asylum claims.

It was reported that fifteen people died during desperate attempts to enter the country, seven after being denied healthcare and seven died in prison custody.

Eighteen year old asylum seeker, Sudanese was among the seven that the IRR claimed to have died in prison custody. After being wrongly told that he was to be deported, he was found hanged in his cell on Christmas day in 2007.

The total number of deaths includes seven who were killed on the streets as a result of racist attacks and four as a result of undertaking work in the dangerous, "black economy".

## UK Border Agency Resumes returns to Zimbabwe

15th October 2010

The UK Border Agency will be resuming enforced returns of failed asylum seekers to Zimbabwe following a written ministerial statement yesterday by the minister for Immigration, Damian Green.

2006 saw Zimbabwe in an unstable political situation where the immigrants' safety could not be guaranteed so the enforced returns were suspended.

The country is now considered stable because of the formation of the inclusive government in 2009; therefore the all illegal immigrants from the country now face removal.

Minister for immigration Damian Green said: 'There are some Zimbabweans who continue to have a well founded fear of persecution; we continue to grant protection to those people...The courts have found that not all Zimbabweans are in need of international protection and given the improved situation on the ground in Zimbabwe.'

## Vicars urged to get in touch if suspicions arise.



14th October 2010

The UK Border Agency are urging vicars to get in touch if they have any suspicions as to whether a relationship between a couple who are due to marry is genuine.

Andy Radcliffe, of the UK Border Agency's Nottingham immigration crime team, said: "We will not tolerate immigration abuse...We do not expect vicars or registrars to be experts in immigration law or to spot forged documents – that's our job... But if they have any suspicions about whether a relationship is

genuine, we would urge them to get in touch."

A marriage certificate does not give foreign nationals the right to live and work in the UK as proof of a genuine relationship has to be shown.

This follows as a bride and groom were arrested at an altar on Sunday by Border officials. The couple were arrested three minutes into the service at St Stephen with St Paul Church, in Hyson Green, Nottingham.

They appeared at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on Monday, when they were remanded in custody. They will next appear at Nottingham Crown Court on October 25.

## New requirement for Tier 1 and Tier 2 applicants submitting postgraduate certificates or diplomas

18th October 2010

The UK Border Agency has introduced a new requirement for applications to work in the UK under Tier 1 (General), Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) or any category under Tier 2 of the points-based system.

It is now required that anyone submitting a postgraduate certificate or diploma awarded by a UK listed body, must include a letter of equivalency issued by UK NARIC, the National Agency responsible for providing information, advice and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications, with the application in order to score points for qualifications or English language skills.

If this requirement is not met, the application may be delayed or even rejected.