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This document provides an update of UK Country Guidance case law, UK Home Office publications and developments in refugee producing countries (focusing on those which generate the most asylum seekers in the UK). The 'Legal Update' and 'UK Home Office Publications Update' sections include information covering 25<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> September, whilst the 'Country News and Publications' section covers 28<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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### **Legal Update**

*No UK Country Guidance cases were promulgated in the reporting period.*

### **UK Home Office Publications Update**

#### **Afghanistan**

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#### **Iran**

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#### **Somalia**

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#### **South Africa**

UK Home Office, [Country Policy and Information Note, South Africa: Sexual orientation and gender identity](#), 25 July 2017

#### **Sudan**

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## **Turkey**

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Radio Free Europe, [Afghan Civilians Reportedly Killed After Attack On Taliban-Occupied House](#), 30 August 2017

Radio Free Europe, [Suicide Attack On Home Of Afghan Lawmaker Kills Two Guards](#), 30 August 2017

Radio Free Europe, [Suicide Bombing Kills Five At Bank In Kabul](#), 29 August 2017

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### **Algeria**

Human Rights Watch news, [Algeria: Stop Persecuting a Religious Minority](#), 4 September 2017

### **Bangladesh**

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### **Burma/Myanmar**

Amnesty International news, [Myanmar: Restrictions on international aid putting thousands at risk](#), 4 September 2017

Radio Free Asia, [Southeastern Bangladesh Struggles with Rapid Rohingya Refugee Influx](#), 3 September 2017

Human Rights Watch news, [Burma: Satellite Images Show Massive Fire Destruction](#), 2 September 2017

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Radio Free Asia, [Bodies of 19 Rohingya Refugees Wash Ashore in Bangladesh](#), 31 August 2017

### **Cameroon**

UN News Centre, [UN chief welcomes release of arrested leaders in Cameroon](#), 31 August 2017

### **China**

Radio Free Asia, [Chinese Police Detain Associate of Poet Who Tried to Commemorate Liu Xiaobo](#), 4 September 2017

Human Rights Watch news, [China: Redoubling Crackdowns on Fleeing North Koreans](#), 3 September 2017

Radio Free Asia, [China Tries to Muzzle Rights Lawyers Defending 'Politically Sensitive' Cases](#), 1 September 2017

Human Rights Watch dispatches, [China's 'Super' Anti-Corruption Agency Set to Repeat Past Abuses](#), 31 August 2017

Radio Free Asia, [China Holds Ethnic Kazakh Students For Praying, Islamic Clothing, Overseas Study](#), 31 August 2017

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Radio Free Asia, [Tibetan Nomads Forced From Grazing Land, Winter Camps](#), 30 August 2017

Radio Free Asia, [Police Assault Tibetan Picnickers in Sichuan's Draggo County](#), 28 August 2017

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Amnesty International news, [Why China must scrap new laws that tighten the authorities' grip on religious practice](#), 31 August 2017

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### **Egypt**

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### **Iran**

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### **Iraq**

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## **Pakistan**

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Radio Free Europe, [Transgender Person Shot Dead In Karachi Attack](#), 30 August 2017

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Radio Free Asia, [Navalny Campaign Coordinator In Kazan Ordered Jailed A Second Time](#), 4 September 2017

Amnesty International news, [Russia: Aspiring female ship's captain to challenge sexist labour laws in court](#), 31 August 2017

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## **Sudan**

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## **Syria**

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Useful COI databases (non-exhaustive):

- [Asylos's research notes](#)
- [COI Forum](#)
- [EASO COI Portal](#) [European Asylum Support Office's portal]
- [Electronic Immigration Network](#) [Subscription only]
- [ECOI.net](#) [European Country of Origin Information Network]
- [Refworld](#) [UNHCR's portal]
- [ReliefWeb](#)