

*****Welsh Refugee Council News Review***
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Wales

Crackdown On Illegal Immigrants, 3/2/08, Wales On Sunday

Prison vans could soon be cruising the streets of Wales to round up illegal immigrants.

<http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/wales-news/2008/02/03/crackdown-on-illegal-immigrants-91466-20429118/>

Judge Recommends Palestinian With False Passport To Be Deported, 28/1/08, South Wales Echo

An illegal Immigrant who used false passport to try to open a bank account is today behind bars.

<http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/cardiff-news/2008/01/28/judge-recommends-palestinian-with-false-passport-be-deported-91466-20398565/>

UK

Threats From All Directions, 13/2/08, Guardian

Leaders and workers from refuges for black and minority ethnic and refugee women throughout the country are angry at what they see as a threat to their existence.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/feb/13/equality.socialcare>

Eviction “Pressure” On Asylum Seekers, 3/2/08, Guardian

Walking the streets by day, fitting between “safe houses” in the evening or riding buses all night just to keep warm and dry are the only options available to thousands of asylum seekers left destitute by a deliberate government policy of eviction, according to welfare campaigners.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/feb/03/asylumseekers.society>

Home Office Defends Plans To Send Back Child Asylum Seekers, 1/2/08, Guardian

The Home Office is to start the forcible removal of lone child asylum seekers, despite fears that many will be sent back to war zones where their safety and welfare cannot be guaranteed.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/feb/01/uk.immigration>

Leading Article: Cruelty, mistreatment and abuse. 1/2/08, Independent

The Home Office published a report yesterday in which it promised to improve the welfare provision for unaccompanied children who arrive in Britain seeking asylum.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/leading-articles/leading-article-cruelty-mistreatment-and-abuse-776722.html>

Child Asylum-Seekers To Be Forcibly Deported, 1/2/08

The Home Office provoked fury after it announced that teenage asylum-seekers who arrive alone in Britain could for the first time be forcibly deported.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/child-asylumseekers-to-be-forcibly-deported-776747.html>

Stories Of Hope and Courage, 30/1/08, Guardian

Sandy Buchan, Chief Executive, Refugee Action. Why is the charity needed? Someone has to stand up for refugees and asylum seekers' rights in the UK.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/jan/30/5>

Student Protest Halts Family's Deportation, 28/1/08, Guardian

A family of seven threatened with deportation has been reprieved after a campaign that began in a Devon classroom, spread around the world, and led to the government being bombarded with thousands of protest letters.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/jan/28/politics.world>

Asylum Seekers Awaiting EU Court Ruling On Detention, 28/1/08, Independent

Thousands of asylum-seekers who are routinely detained in fast-track removal centres while their claims are being considered by the Home Office could win the right to freedom when judges in Europe deliver a landmark ruling tomorrow.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylumseekers-awaiting-eu-court-ruling-on-detention-774863.html>

