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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) between 30 May and 12 June 2017.

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Legal Update

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

UK Home Office Publications Update

No Country Policy and Information Notes (CPINs) were published in the reporting period.

Country News and Publications

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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](#)