

## COI Update Vol. 152

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 27 June and 10 July 2017.

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### Legal Update

#### **Libya**

[ZMM \(Article 15\(c\)\) Libya CG \[2017\] UKUT 263 \(IAC\)](#)

*The violence in Libya has reached such a high level that substantial grounds are shown for believing that a returning civilian would, solely on account of his presence on the territory of that country or region, face a real risk of being subject to a threat to his life or person.*

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#### **Pakistan**

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IRIN News, [EXCLUSIVE: New allegations of Myanmar security forces raping Rohingya women](#), 4 July 2017

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Human Rights Watch dispatches, [Burma's Manmade Disaster](#), 7 July 2017

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Amnesty International campaigns, [Myanmar: Further Information: Newspaper Editor Denied Bail Again: Kyaw Min Swe and KyawZwarNaing](#), 4 July 2017

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Joint NGO Statement, [Burma: Repeal Section 66\(d\) of the 2013 Telecommunications Law](#), 29 June 2017

International Crisis Group report, [Building Critical Mass for Peace in Myanmar](#), 29 June 2017

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Amnesty International news, [China: Authorities must end ruthless crackdown on human rights lawyers and activists](#), 7 July 2017

Amnesty International news, [China: Labour activist jailed for four and a half years for publishing account of Tiananmen crackdown](#), 7 July 2017

Amnesty International campaigns, [China: Eight North Koreans at Risk of Forcible Return](#), 6 July 2017

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## **China-Tibet**

Radio Free Asia, [Tibetan Villagers Fight Eviction From Their Land in Chamdo](#), 6 July 2017

Radio Free Asia, [Tibetan Monk Missing in Custody Has Been Sentenced](#), 5 July 2017

## **China-Xinjiang**

Radio Free Asia, [Xinjiang Authorities Take Further Steps Towards Total Digital Surveillance](#), 29 June 2017

## **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**

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Human Rights Watch commentary, [The crisis in Congo is spiraling out of control](#), 30 June 2017

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Amnesty International news, [Egypt: Investigate allegations of disappearance, torture and extrajudicial execution of four men](#), 6 July 2017

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### **India**

Amnesty International news, [India: Hate crimes against Muslims and rising Islamophobia must be condemned](#), 28 June 2017

### **Iran**

Amnesty International campaigns, [Iran: Further Information: Spiritual Teacher at Risk of Death Penalty Again: Mohammad Ali Taheri](#), 5 July 2017

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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](#)