



## smuggling of migrants — global news april 2014

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### AMERICAS

#### CANADA

##### ***Tamil Sun Sea refugees' appeal reaches Supreme Court – 18 April 2014***

<https://beta.theageandmail.com/news/british-columbia/tamil-sun-sea-refugees-appeal-reaches-supreme-court/article18068813/>

The Supreme Court of Canada will hear three appeals in cases where people were denied refugee status because they were allegedly involved in people smuggling.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

##### ***Hoping for Asylum, Migrants Strain U.S. Border – 10 April 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/11/us/poverty-and-violence-push-new-wave-of-migrants-toward-us.html>

After six years of steep declines across the Southwest, illegal crossings have soared in South Texas while remaining low elsewhere. The Border Patrol made more than 90,700 apprehensions in the Rio Grande Valley in the past six months, a 69 percent increase over last year.

##### ***Yasiel Puig's incredible journey from Cuba to U.S. told by LA Magazine – 14 April 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/dodgers/dodgersnow/la-sp-dn-dodgers-yasiel-puig-journey-20140413-story.html>

Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig is typically reticent to discuss any topic with the media, but the one subject he has always made completely off-limits was how he escaped from Cuba.

##### ***Dodgers, MLB mum on article detailing Yasiel Puig's escape from Cuba – 14 April 2017***

<http://www.latimes.com/sports/dodgers/la-sp-dodgers-puig-escape-20140415-story.html>

The Dodgers and Major League Baseball declined to comment Monday about a magazine article detailing Yasiel Puig's dangerous escape from Cuba and the death threats the 23-year-old right fielder received last year from human traffickers under control of a major Mexican drug cartel.

##### ***A Smuggler of Immigrants Dies in Prison, but Is Praised in Chinatown – 27 April 2017***

<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/28/nyregion/cheng-chui-ping-a-smuggler-of-immigrants-dies-in-prison-but-is-praised-in-chinatown.html>

To the authorities, Cheng Chui Ping was the “mother of all snakeheads,” a ruthless businesswoman who smuggled thousands of Chinese emigrants into the United States.

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## ASIA-PACIFIC

### INDONESIA

#### ***Asylum seekers stuck in Indonesia – 4 April 2014***

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2014/04/04/asylum-seekers-stuck-indonesia.html>

Although the numbers of people arriving in Indonesia looking for international protection have decreased substantially over the last four months, more than 10,567 asylum seekers and refugees are currently registered with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Indonesia.

### MALAYSIA

#### ***The long road to Malaysia – 15 April 2014***

<https://widerimage.reuters.com/story/the-long-road-to-malaysia>

Many of the Rohingya escaping Myanmar by boat have fallen into the hands of human traffickers at sea, who then hold them hostage in remote Thai camps until relatives pay thousands of dollars to release them, according to a Reuters investigation published on Dec 5.

### THAILAND

#### ***Special Report: Flaws found in Thailand's human-trafficking crackdown – 11 April 2014***

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-rohingya-special-report/special-report-flaws-found-in-thailands-human-trafficking-crackdown-idUSBREA3922P20140410>

A two-part Reuters investigation in three countries, based on interviews with people smugglers, human traffickers and Rohingya who survived boat voyages from Myanmar, last year showed how the treatment of Rohingya often constituted trafficking. Reporters found that hundreds were held against their will in brutal trafficking camps in the Thai wilderness.