



smuggling of migrants — global news May 2013

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AMERICAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Texas town becomes the tomb of the unknown immigrant – 16 May 2013

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-deaths/a-texas-town-becomes-the-tomb-of-the-unknown-immigrant-idUSBRE94E0TA20130515>

More than 50 unidentified immigrants were buried after dying in heat and punishing terrain while they tried to seek new lives in the United States. As legislators in Washington debate bipartisan proposals for an immigration overhaul, Texas officials say this small town, the seat of Brooks County and part of the U.S. Border Patrol region known as the Rio Grande Valley sector, is emerging as an epicenter of death and misery.

ASIA-PACIFIC

INDONESIA

Indonesia jails Australian, Pakistani people smugglers – 8 May 2013

<http://www.scmp.com/news/asia/article/1232939/indonesia-jails-australian-pakistani-people-smugglers>

An Indonesian court jailed an Australian and a Pakistani for six years each after the men were caught organising an asylum-seeker boat to Australia, their lawyer said on Wednesday.