



## smuggling of migrants — global news April 2013

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### AMERICAS

#### BRAZIL

##### ***Brazilian state of Acre in illegal immigration alert – 11 April 2013***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-22106284>

The Brazilian state of Acre has declared a state of emergency after a surge of illegal immigrants from neighbouring Bolivia and Peru. Officials said most of the immigrants originally came from Haiti but others had come from as far afield as Bangladesh, Senegal and Nigeria.

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### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### CHINA

##### ***15 held as officers bust people-smuggling gang – 5 April 2013***

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1207933/people-smuggling-ring-smashed>

People-smuggling syndicates are using more indirect routes than before and recruiting couriers to transport illegal migrants from the mainland through Hong Kong, investigators say. This has emerged after a joint operation between Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shenzhen enforcers that smashed a cross-border gang dealing in illegal migrants using fake passports.

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### EUROPE

#### UNITED KINGDOM

##### ***Afghan teenager Najib Hashimi appeals against deportation – 24 April 2013***

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-22288035>

A teenager illegally smuggled into Kent four years ago has told an immigration tribunal he fears he will be killed if he is forced to return to Afghanistan.