

**ABA International Refugee Law Committee
Weekly
HOT TOPICS DIGEST
27 February 2017**

NEWS

AILA Summary and Analysis of the DHS Memorandum on Interior Enforcement <http://www.aila.org/infonet/analysis-of-dhs-memorandum-on-interior-enforcement>

Austria tries asylum seeker over Syria murders <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/39050806>

To Close Camps, Australia Must Not Send Asylum Seekers Back to Danger https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2017/02/17/to-close-camps-australia-must-not-send-asylum-seekers-back-to-danger?utm_campaign=449e982060-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Refugees+Deeply&utm_term=0_8b056c90e2-449e982060-117584105

Afghan Returns Built on False Policy Narrative https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2017/02/21/afghan-returns-built-on-false-policy-narrative-researcher?utm_campaign=449e982060-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Refugees+Deeply&utm_term=0_8b056c90e2-449e982060-117584105

Refugee Digital Divide: Innovation for Africa's Displaced Falls Behind https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2017/02/22/refugee-digital-divide-innovation-for-africas-displaced-falls-behind?utm_campaign=449e982060-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Refugees+Deeply&utm_term=0_8b056c90e2-449e982060-117584105

Syrian migrants are not always entitled to refugee status, says German court http://www.dw.com/en/syrian-migrants-are-not-always-entitled-to-refugee-status-says-german-court/a-37655862?utm_source=Refugees+Deeply&utm_campaign=449e982060-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8b056c90e2-449e982060-117584105&mc_cid=449e982060&mc_eid=eb52d0b586

Refugees and migrants face heightened risks while trying to reach Europe – UNHCR report <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2017/2/58b458654/refugees-migrants-face-heightened-risks-trying-reach-europe-unhcr-report.html>

Expert: Vetting of Refugees, Immigrants a 'Balancing Act' - See more at: <https://www.lexisnexis.com/legalnewsroom/immigration/b/outsidenews/archive/2017/02/27/expert-vetting-of-refugees-immigrants-a-39-balancing-act-39.aspx?Redirected=true#sthash.ORpOwhQP.dpuf>

Deported gay Afghans told to ‘pretend to be straight’ <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/25/afghanistan-gay-asylum-seekers-home-office-illegal-homosexuality>

Which countries host the most refugees? <http://www.unhcr.org/58b3f4714.html>

Poorer countries host most of the forcibly displaced – report <http://www.unhcr.org/58b001ab4.html>

DESPERATE JOURNEYS: Refugees and migrants entering and crossing Europe via the Mediterranean and Western Balkans routes <http://www.unhcr.org/news/updates/2017/2/58b449f54/desperate-journeys-refugees-migrants-entering-crossing-europe-via-mediterranean.html>

Trauma Sensitive Interventions: Helping Asylum Applicants Receive Protection <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/2017/02/trauma-sensitive-interventions-helping-asylum-applicants-receive-protection.html>

EVENTS/CALLS TO ACTION/JOBS/TRAINING

The ABA SIL International Refugee Law Committee is calling for submissions on refugee and asylum topics for “The Refuge” Submission Deadline: Cut-off is the 20th of each month. Contact the editors at irlcrefuge@gmail.com.

Summer School on Global and Regional Migration Governance in Geneva <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/2017/02/summer-school-on-global-and-regional-migration-governance-in-geneva.html>

Professional Certificate in Strategic Migration Management <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/2017/02/professional-certificate-in-strategic-migration-management.html>

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Every 2nd Tuesday:

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8