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Legacy Cases

A further information sheet called "Legacy Cases 3" is now available.

This gives new information obtained from the Border and Immigration Agency (BIA), including that some individuals whose cases are within the legacy backlog may never be given a legacy questionnaire.

Bills in Parliament

Parliament returns in October, and two immigration Bills will soon be under consideration.

The UK Borders Bill is in the Lords on 9 and 11 October for its report stage. This Bill is towards the end of its passage through Parliament. An information sheet on the "UK Borders Bill" is available from March.

The Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill is in the Commons for its second reading on 8 October. This Bill is at the beginning of its passage through Parliament. It seeks to introduce a new immigration status. For more information, please see the "Special Immigration Status" information sheet.

Still Human Still Here

This campaign aims to end the destitution of asylum-seekers, who remain in the UK after exhausting any appeal rights. Some information about the campaign and earlier activities was given in the "Still Human Still Here" information sheet.

Amnesty International UK, who are supporters of this campaign, will be holding a fringe event at the Labour Party conference in Bournemouth on 26 September. They hope to launch a short film on the plight of destitute asylum seekers at the event. All are welcome. The event will be from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Punshon Memorial Church on Exeter Road, Bournemouth.

BID report on Yarl's Wood

On 6 September, Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID) launched the report of their

research into the detained fast track operating at Yarl's Wood. The report highlights many serious problems faced by asylum-seekers detained in the fast track process. Although it focuses on the situation of women detainees (Yarl's Wood is used exclusively for women), many of these problems affect men detainees in the fast track at Harmondsworth.

The BID report and an executive summary are available at: <http://www.biduk.org/>

DRC judgment

The Home Office has been forced to suspend forced removals to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) following a ruling in the High Court.

Removals should remain suspended until the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) has finished hearing and decided a test case on the safety of returns to the DRC. The AIT is expected to compete its hearing of the test case this month.

MAC Chair appointment

On 12 September, the Home Office announced the appointment of Professor David Metcalf to Chair the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC): <http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/newsarchive/chairofmac>

MRN newsletter

The Migrants Rights Network (MRN) launched its monthly newsletter this month. The first edition is available at: <http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/enews/september.htm>

It is possible to sign-up to receive the newsletter by email at: <http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk>

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