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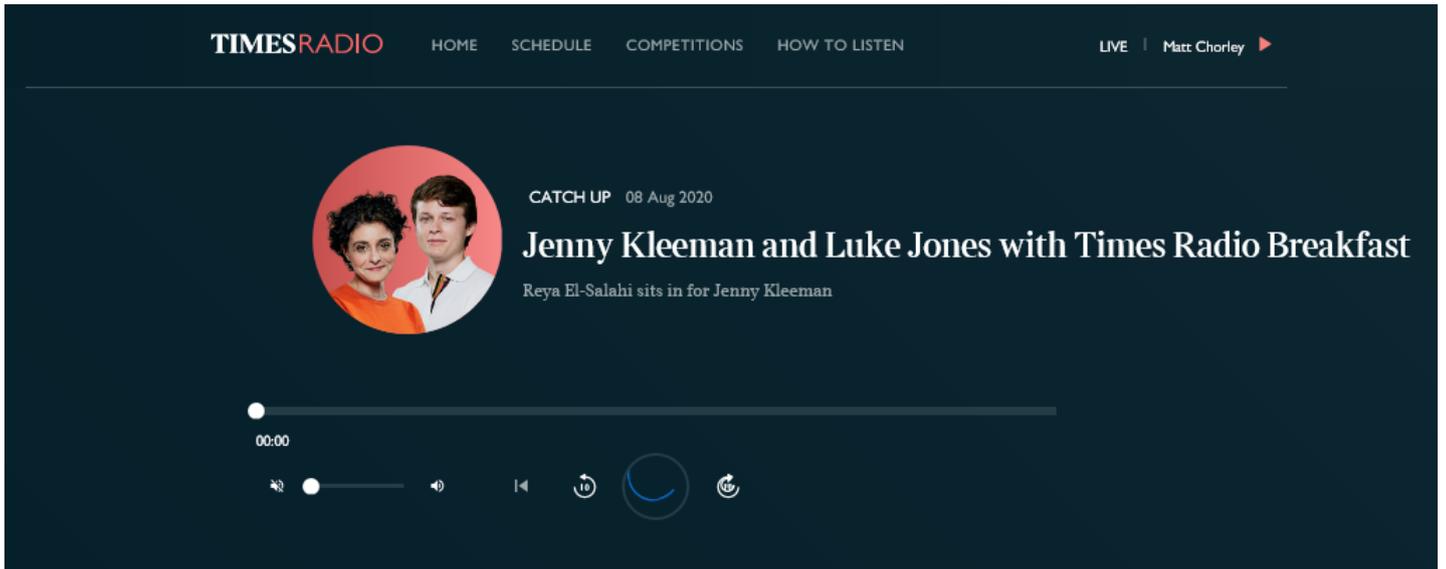
Toufique Hossain, Good Morning Britain (14:00 mins)

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The screenshot shows the BBC Radio 4 Today website interface. At the top left is the BBC Radio 4 logo. The main header features the word "TODAY" in large blue letters, with the text "Weekdays 6-9am and Saturdays 7-9am" below it. To the right of the header is a "LIVE" indicator with a speaker icon and the text "And Other Stories: K...", and a "Schedule" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Episodes", "Highlights", "Podcasts", "Student Awards", "Thought For The Day", "Presenters", and "More". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a large image of a radio studio with a blue microphone in the foreground. Overlaid on this image is a "Listen now" button with a speaker icon. Below the image, the date "08/08/2020" is displayed in large white text, followed by the text "Including Sports Desk, Weather and Thought for the Day." and a timer showing "24 days left to listen" and "2 hours". The right column contains a "Last on" section with the BBC Radio 4 logo, the text "Saturday 07:00", and "BBC RADIO 4". Below this is a "More episodes" section with two entries: "PREVIOUS 07/08/2020" and "NEXT 10/08/2020", each with a speaker icon. At the bottom of the right column is a link that says "See all episodes from Today".

Toufique Hossain, BBC Radio 4 interview (7:15am)

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The screenshot shows the Times Radio website interface. At the top, the logo 'TIMESRADIO' is on the left, and navigation links 'HOME', 'SCHEDULE', 'COMPETITIONS', and 'HOW TO LISTEN' are in the center. On the right, it says 'LIVE | Matt Chorley' with a play button icon. Below the navigation is a dark blue header area. On the left, there is a circular profile picture of two people, a woman and a man. To the right of the image, the text reads 'CATCH UP 08 Aug 2020' and 'Jenny Kleeman and Luke Jones with Times Radio Breakfast'. Below this, it says 'Reya El-Salahi sits in for Jenny Kleeman'. Underneath the text is a progress bar showing '00:00' and a volume control icon. At the bottom of the player are several control icons: a play/pause button, a volume slider, a previous track button, a refresh button, a play button, and a next track button.

Jamie Bell, Times Radio interview (3h36)

Tory minister rows with 'virtue signalling' ice cream brand over English Channel migrants

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James Cleverly accused Ben & Jerry's of 'virtue signalling' after it spoke out against Priti Patel over migrants crossing the English Channel. (Getty Images/Ben & Jerry's)

A Conservative minister has accused an ice cream brand of “virtue signalling” after it waded into the [debate over migrants crossing the English Channel in small boats](#).

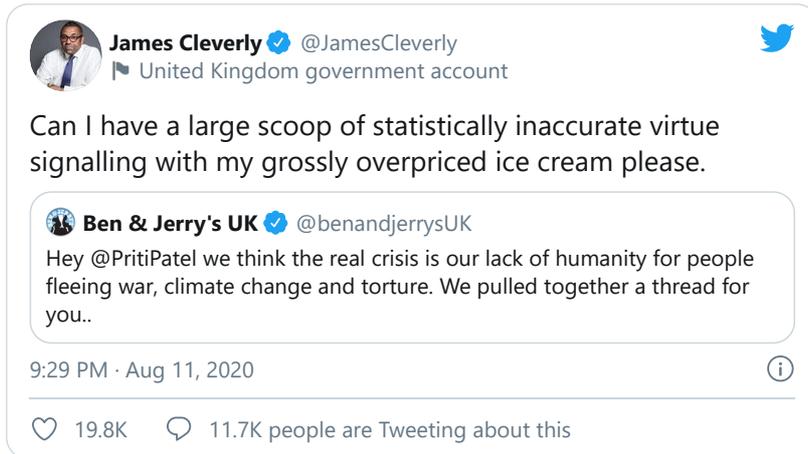
The move came after Ben & Jerry's called out home secretary Priti Patel for a “lack of humanity for people fleeing war, climate change and torture”.

The high-end [ice cream brand said in a series of tweets](#) that “people wouldn't make dangerous journeys if they had any other choice” and that “people cannot be illegal”.

It concluded: “Let's remember we're all human and have the same rights to life regardless of the country we happen to have been born in.”

It prompted James Cleverly, the Foreign Office and international development

minister, to go on the attack: “Can I have a large scoop of statistically inaccurate virtue signalling with my grossly overpriced ice cream please.”



The Home Office also pushed back against Ben & Jerry’s, with a [source quoted by the BBC as saying](#): “Priti is working day and night to bring an end to these small boat crossings, which are facilitated by international criminal gangs and are rightly of serious concern to the British people.

"If that means upsetting the social media team for a brand of overpriced junk food, then so be it."

More than 4,000 people have crossed the Channel from France to the UK this year, with at least 597 arriving between Thursday and Sunday alone.

A Border Force vessel approaches a group of people thought to be migrants on an inflatable dinghy on the English Channel on Monday. (Gareth Fuller/PA via AP)

On Tuesday, immigration minister Chris Philp – who reports to Patel – promised a “new, comprehensive action plan” to stem the latest surge in crossings after talks with French officials.

Philp, speaking in Paris, said the “sheer numbers” crossing the Channel were “completely unacceptable” to both the French and UK governments.

He did not comment on the details of the new plan, only saying both countries had “renewed and reaffirmed their absolute commitment to make sure this border is properly policed and this route is completely ended”.

Meanwhile, some asylum seekers were set to launch a legal challenge to halt their deportation after arriving in the UK by crossing the Channel.

Up to 20 people were due to be put on a charter flight to France and Germany on Wednesday, according to campaigners. It is thought to be the first removal planned since the coronavirus lockdown.

The Duncan Lewis law firm said it is representing 15 people from Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan who have “strong claims for asylum and real reasons for wanting to stay in the UK” but have been told they are being deported.

Many have mental-health problems and some have been identified as victims of torture, sexual assault and trafficking, according to lawyers.

Read more: [More children likely to risk Channel crossing to reunite with relatives under new rules, charity warns](#)

Lily Parrott, one of the solicitors representing some of the migrants, said: “Whether the government likes it or not, under British and international law people are allowed to migrate for the purpose of seeking asylum – even if it means they have to use ‘irregular’ routes.

“The government’s suggestion that they cannot is just wrong, and an abuse of power.”

The ongoing debate comes as a [YouGov survey carried out on Tuesday](#) found 49% of Britons don’t sympathise with the thousands of migrants who have been making the dangerous journey across the Channel.

The poll found 27% of British adults have “no sympathy at all”, with 22% of people having “not much sympathy”.

On the other hand, the survey of 3,163 people also showed 44% do sympathise: 19% “a great deal” and 25% “a fair amount”.



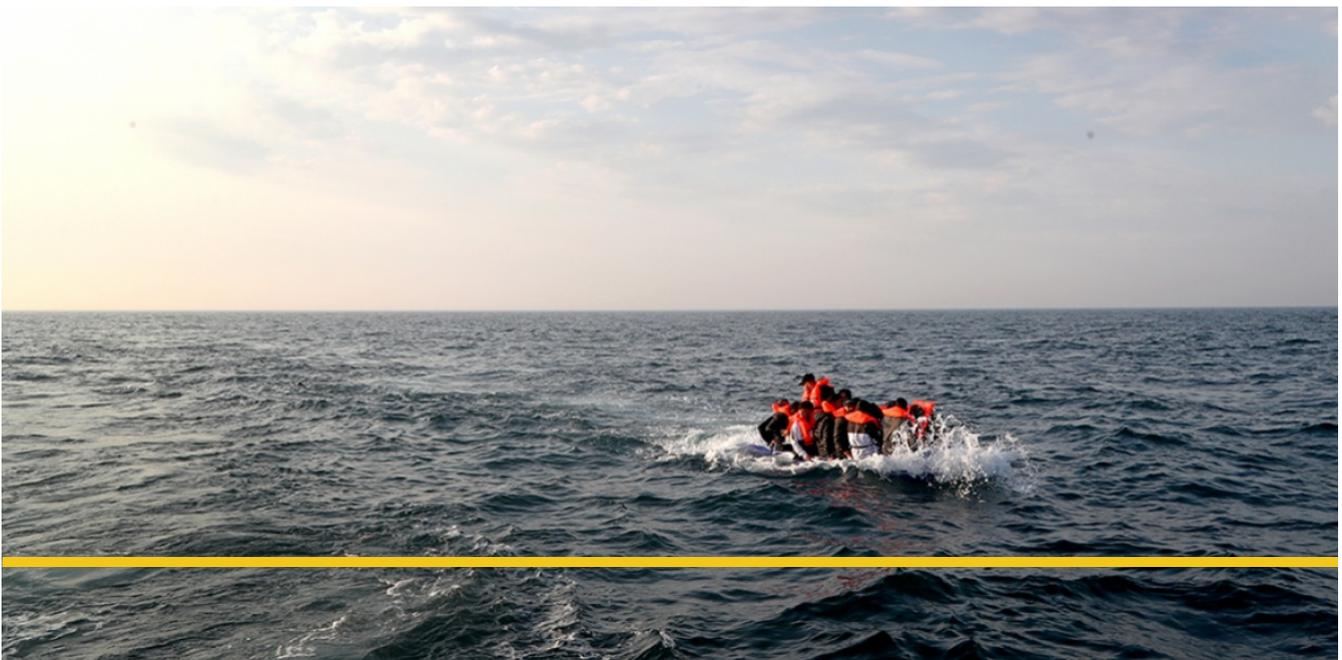


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Home Office 'ramping up' detention and deportation regime despite ongoing Covid-19 threat



THE government is “ramping up” its detention and deportation “machine” once again as it prepares to remove 20 asylum-seekers on Wednesday, campaigners have warned.

The planned charter flight to France and Germany will be the first to deport asylum-seekers since the beginning of the lockdown.

Campaigners raised concerns that the flight could risk spreading Covid-19 between countries.

The 20 asylum-seekers are believed to have reached Britain in small boats across the Channel.

Law firm Duncan Lewis, which is representing many of the deportees in a legal bid to halt the flight, said that the majority of people making the crossings have “strong claims for asylum.”

Lily Parrott, a lawyer at the firm, said: “Many are victims of torture, sexual assault or trafficking and many suffer from mental health issues. In these cases, getting specialist legal advice to help navigate the system may be the last protection a person has.”

In recent days, the government has ramped up its hard-line response to refugees

entering Britain by crossing the Channel.

Today, Boris Johnson hinted that new laws could be passed to make it easier to deport asylum -seekers who arrive in small boats.

The Prime Minister also claimed that “activist” lawyers “abuse” current laws to keep “people who have no right to be here” in the country.

Responding to Mr Johnson’s comments, Mr Parrott said: “Whether the government likes it or not, under British and international law people are allowed to migrate for the purpose of seeking asylum even if it means they have to use ‘irregular’ routes.

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Ms Parrott added: “At Duncan Lewis, we’re challenging these charter flights to ensure that ministers look properly at these cases — and at the UK’s legal obligations — before ploughing ahead with removals.

“The government has already deferred the removal of some of our clients, which shows that, despite the rhetoric, the government knows it’s in the wrong.”

According to migrant rights groups, the Home Office has also restarted detaining people who are living freely in the community, a practice which had been

suspended during the lockdown.

Bail for Immigration Detainees (BiD) said it had heard of five people being detained in recent weeks. During lockdown, the only new people entering the detention system were those who had finished serving a jail sentence and were then being held under immigration powers.

BID director Celia Clarke said she was “alarmed” to hear of people being detained once again and facing deportation.

“Clearly, the Home Office’s detention and deportation machine is ramping up again,” she said.

“The suffering inflicted on individuals through this violent process is bad enough in healthy times, but the UK is still suffering high infection rates and deaths.

“It is ironic that the Home Office depicts ‘activist’ lawyers ‘abusing’ the law, when it is the Home Office itself that has had to pay £8.2 million in the last year in compensation for unlawful detention.

“Instead of thinking up ways to deny people access to justice, the government should instead put its own house in order and stop breaking the law.”
