## Australian asylum debate hots up New Prime Minister Julia Gillard plans to create a refugee processing centre in East Timor to stop an influx of asylum seeker boats reaching Australia's shores. The policy is aimed at allaying voter fears over border protection ahead of looming elections Christmas Island: **East Timor: Centre would** Sole centre remaining house asylum seekers while from "Pacific Solution" their credentials are checked set up by former Prime Minister John Howard, under **PACIFIC** which new arrivals were placed OCEAN in detention centres on Pacific and Indian Ocean islands NAURU 🗘 Pacific Solution detention centres Manus Island PAPUA NEW GUINFA Gillard says eight Cocos new patrol boats will INDIAN OCEAN Derby Island be commissioned to strengthen border Leonora: New Port AUSTRALIA protection outback camp Hedland opened to cope with overspill Woomera 500km from Christmas 310 miles A Perth Villawooo Island Baxter Canberra Maribyrnong REFUGEES IN DETENTION IN AUSTRALIA 8.000 Despite small numbers, border protection is key issue and has helped decide 6.000 elections in past years Opposition leader 2010: 4.251 Tony Abbott says 4.000 he would "turn back the boats" by restoring **Pacific Solution** 2004-05 05-06 07-08 06-07 08-09 09-10 © GRAPHIC NEWS Sources: Australian Government, Australian Human Rights Commission