Obama sends National Guard to Mexican border



U.S. National Guard troops are to be deployed along the border with Mexico from August 1 to tackle illegal immigration and drug-trafficking. The deployment, ordered by President Obama, comes as a controversial new law is due to come into effect in Arizona to crack down on people entering the state unlawfully

TROOPS DEPLOYED: 1,200 (Includes 130 as part of national liaison office) UNITED STATES CALIFORNIA **ARIZONA** 524 0-06 TEXAS Ciudad 250 Juarez 200km Arizona: 125 miles Population: 6.6 million 460.000 undocumented Border immigrants crossings MEXICO 2009: 10.8 million. **ARIZONA** Down by one million from **IMMIGRATION LAW** 2007, coinciding with Requires state and economic downturn local officers to query immigration status of people **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT** 12.0 reasonably suspected of **POPULATION** 10.5 being illegal immigrant 10.0 Criminalises transporting 8.5 8.0 or harbouring illegal immigrants, and hiring of 6.0 day labourers off street 4.0 Seven lawsuits filed -Estimates including one by federal 2.0 not producedgovernment - challenging for 2001-04 0 law, which is scheduled to take effect July 29 2000 05 06 08 09 07