

Obama sends National Guard to Mexican border



TROOPS DEPLOYED: 1,200

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
(Includes 130 as part of national liaison office)



ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

- Requires state and local officers to query immigration status of people reasonably suspected of being illegal immigrant
- Criminalises transporting or harbouring illegal immigrants, and hiring of day labourers off street

Seven lawsuits filed – including one by federal government – challenging law, which is scheduled to take effect July 29

