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News Bulletin

Terror link to fake drugs

Dangerous counterfeit medicines are becoming a major source of finance for organised crime and terrorist groups, according to a new survey.

Profits from these fake drugs can be larger than from heroin or cocaine and the trade carries lower risks because police are not as aware of the problem, said the report by the Stockholm Network think tank. Its author, Graham Satchwell, warned that bogus medicines may be killing patients.

Stansted pay dispute settled

The threat of a strike by baggage handlers at Stansted Airport ended yesterday when workers accepted a pay deal.

GMB members employed by Groundstar were to walk out on Thursday, but voted to resolve the dispute.

Migrants 'get unfair deal'

Companies are employing migrant workers on worse pay and conditions than their British colleagues, the TUC said yesterday.

The union organisation said firms were attempting to deny rights to workers from new EU states. Many were employed in food processing, hospitality and farming, and the TUC claimed they were propping up the local economy in many areas.

Crossword

In yesterday's Herculis crossword, the clues linked to Saturday's General Knowledge Crossword were not highlighted due to a production error. As this made solving the links virtually impossible, we have reluctantly cancelled the competition for this week. Our apologies to disappointed competitors who successfully completed the crossword.