

Britain to expand skilled migrant checks

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LONDON -- Britain will expand background checks on skilled migrant workers in the light of eight foreign medical personnel's detention for suspected terrorist activity.

Speaking in Parliament Wednesday, Prime Minister Gordon Brown gave few details on the plan, but said it would be part of the government's effort to broaden its watch list of terror suspects, The Guardian reported.

Brown said there would also be a review of the National Health Service's recruitment and how the service conducts background checks, the report said.

Brown, who has been prime minister for five days, said Britain would seek to expand international intelligence.

"Finally, we will want to sign new agreements with other countries around the world so we act together to deal with the potential terrorist threat and we are able to deport people to countries, where they should be, rather than in this country," Brown said.

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