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Britain's top court backs government on immigration income test

London.— Britain's top court backed a government attempt to limit immigration by ruling yesterday that an income test for those who want to bring their non-European spouses to the UK is acceptable and does not infringe human rights.

Prime minister Theresa May introduced a rule in 2012 when she was interior minister that Britons who wanted to bring spouses from outside the European Economic Area to the UK had to be earning at least 18,600 pounds (\$23,170) a year.

The Supreme Court said the minimum income requirement had caused significant hardship to many, but ruled that in principle

it was not inconsistent with the European Convention on Human Rights. "The fact that a rule causes hardship to many, including some who are in no way to blame for the situation in which they now find themselves, does not mean that it is incompatible with the Convention rights or otherwise unlawful at common law," the court said.

The income threshold, it added, was "part of an overall strategy aimed at reducing net migration," with aims that were "no doubt entirely legitimate."

However, campaigners who had claimed the income bar was a breach of human rights to a family life celebrated caveats to the ruling.

"Alarming" superbugs a risk to people, animals and food, EU warns

London.— Superbug bacteria found in people, animals and food across the European Union pose an "alarming" threat to public and animal health having evolved to resist widely used antibiotics, disease and safety experts warned.

A report on antimicrobial resistance in bacteria by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said some 25,000 people die from such superbugs in the European Union every year.

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British suicide bomber in Iraq had won compensation for Guantanamo stay



London.— An Islamic State suicide bomber from Britain who blew himself up in an attack on Iraqi forces this week had been given compensation for his detention in the Guantanamo Bay military prison, Western security sources said yesterday.

Islamic State militants said Abu-Zakariya al-Britani, a British citizen who was originally known as Ronald Fiddler and then cast himself as Jamal Udeen al-Harith, detonated a car

bomb at an Iraqi army base southwest of Mosul this week.

The militants also published a photograph of the smiling bomber surrounded by wires in the seat of what appeared to be the car in which he blew himself up. The Islamic State statements could not be independently verified by Reuters but three Western security sources said it was highly likely that Britani was the bomber and now dead. Britain made

a civil damages settlement with British former Guantanamo Bay inmates in 2010 but did not disclose the size of the payouts, citing confidentiality agreements, then-justice secretary Kenneth Clarke told parliament at the time. The Daily Mail reported that Britani had been awarded \$1.25 million by the British government after claiming British agents knew or were complicit in his alleged mistreatment.

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