

# Immigration sparks white exodus from UK

South Africa

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WHITE Britons, alarmed at immigration, are fleeing the capital and even the country in record numbers in a "white flight" that mirrors South Africa's exodus.

And this week a controversial new book which seeks to explain their flight, encouraged young British-born families to leave in the face of unchecked immigration.

A report by Britain's chief immigration think-tank, Migrationwatch, said more than 100 000 British-born Londoners have left the UK capital this year as immigrants stream into the city.

Meanwhile, another report by private analysts predicts that the white exodus is set to accelerate further, and that London's immigrant population will jump from 40% to 60% in just 12 years.

Sir Andrew Green, chairman of Migrationwatch, said the departing whites were being replaced by other ethnic minorities in their neighbourhoods, leading to a "very unfortunate" apartheid-style segregation of the capital.

The report said it was a potential disaster for integration and race relations in Britain. "The effect is a rapid increase in the ethnic minority composition of some boroughs, resulting from an outflow of the white population and an inflow of African and Asian international migrants."

While white South Africans fled Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban

for either suburban security complexes or foreign shores in the mid-90s, experts said whites in London and cities like Birmingham and Bradford were fleeing to rural "market towns" — and, increasingly, abroad.

In his seemingly xenophobic book, *Time to Emigrate?* George Walden, who was education minister under Margaret Thatcher, had no doubt about the cause. Immigration had created "unacceptable" terrorist and crime risks, and had doomed British culture.

Walden told the Sunday Times: "I'm not saying all our national problems are due to immigration... but this is the greatest gamble this country has ever taken and it is totally unplanned."

"Already, we're seeing the failure of the policy of multiculturalism, which — as Trevor Phillips, our race relations tsar has pointed out — has come down to separate development; in other words, apartheid. We have a dangerous mixture of people who do have colonial resentments; who have fundamentalist beliefs; and who have absolutely no desire to integrate."

In his book he predicts London, in a decade, will be "a three-ring circus without the laughs" — including largely white inner and outer rings bristling with security, and a "multicultural ring" exclusively made up of "ethnic immigrants".

"The rougher parts of the multicultural ring will be ghettos of crime, poverty and racialism in reverse."

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