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### Pakistani CHRISTIAN Asylum Seekers in Thailand

In the recent years, because of violence and persecution thousands of Christians have been fleeing Pakistan and many came to Thailand to get asylum.

More than 11,000 Pakistani Christians (men, women and children) are in Thailand to seek asylum through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Asylum seekers have to wait up to 3 to 5 years for their case to be processed by the UNHCR. Delay causes visa expiration of these asylum seekers and because of that they are considered illegal immigrants in Thailand. During this period, they have to survive on their own resources, and some are forced to work illegally just to survive.

Unfortunately, Thailand is not a signatory of the 1951 Refugee Convention. Therefore, hundreds of these asylum seekers have been arrested by the local police under criminal law and put in jail. There is no exception for women and children. In some cases, children are taken from their mothers when their mothers are sent to jail. They have to pay money to be granted bail, as they do not have money, they are unable to do so. Some of them die in jail.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072sbqr/our-world-thailands-asylum-crackdown>

**They live in extremely difficult circumstances and are vulnerable to violence, extortion and bribery.**

**THEY NEED YOUR HELP FOR:**

Shelter, Daily Meal, Medicine, Milk and Food for Children, Education & Money to Get Bail from Jail.

**“These asylum seekers often live in a desperate state of poverty with little or no access of job opportunities, education and healthcare.”**

**REPORT: All Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief, UK**

## PLEASE HELP THEM.

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