



United States and Thailand:
DIPLOMATIC WRANGLES IN THE WAR
ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## **ORIGIN**

In recent years, "human trafficking" or "trafficking in persons" have been used as umbrella terms terms for activities involved when one person obtains or holds another person in forced service. The human trafficking that occur in Thailand, that involve men, women, and children from Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and other surrounding countries were taken to Thailand. A lot of men, women, and children trafficking victims in Thailand were employed in fishing, low-end clothing production, seafood processing, and domestic work like housekeeping. Children were force to do work like selling flowers, work in homes, and beg for money. Men were working on boats that remained several years at sea, and not receive paid, forced to work 18-20 hours days, 7 days a week, and were threatened and physically beaten. If they were too sick or weak to work, they are killed by boat captains.

# **RESPONSES:**

In the 2007, United Nations publication, The Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migirio stated "Human affects us all, whether we live in countries of origin, transit or destination. Prevention and combating it requires a comprehensive international approach. We must act together to stop a crime in our midst that deprives countless victims of their dignity, liberty, and human rights." International organizations and NGOs have been working Thailand's government to combat that human trafficking in the region.

## **Continue:**

In 2000 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the United National Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. This states that the sign it commit themselves to talk about measures against internal organized crime, including the creation of laws within their countries to combat human trafficking. Most of United Union Members Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, that includes Thailand. The United Nations Office on drugs and crime has published educational materials too aid law enforcement officers and government officials in preventing and combating human trafficking, as well as the model laws to guide governments around the world in their efforts.

#### **CONTINUE:**

United Sates government's principal diplomatic tool to engage foreign governments on human trafficking is the annually published Trafficking in Persons Report. It is the world's most comprehensive resource on governmental anti human trafficking efforts and reflects the United States Government's commitments to global leadership on this key human rights and law enforcement issue. The United States Government uses the report to engage foreign governments, including Thailand in dialogues to advance anti-trafficking reforms and to combat trafficking, making suggestions for areas of improvement and no progress. Worldwide, the report is used by international organizations, foreign governments, and nongovernmental organizations as a tool to examine where resources are needed. The U.S. Department of the State said that freeing victims, preventing trafficking, and bringing traffickers to justice are the ultimate goals of the Trafficking in Persons Report of the United States Government's anti-human trafficking policy. The interventionism have sign of all of these efforts.

# **Evaluation:**

The United Nation Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking estimates that Thai authorities send home like 23,000 Cambodian trafficking victims a year. The authorities in the neighboring country of Laos reported that thousands human trafficking victims from their country were returned to their home country by Thai authorities in 2011. A awareness was dedicated a month to Trafficking Awareness and run ads and campaigns to raise awareness.



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