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VN residents of US protest Thai pushback of refugees

by Pompiamol Kanchanalak in Washington

A GROUP of more than 300 Vietnamese residents of Washington gathered outside the US State Department last week to voice concern over Thailand's refugee policy.

Dr. Le Xuan Khao, president of the Indochina Resource Action Centre (IRAC), said the objective of the rally was two-fold: to appeal to the Thai Government to punish refugee smugglers, but not to crack down on the refugees themselves by pushing them back into the sea.

"Contrary to the belief that those boat people fled Vietnam for economic reasons, many among them are former political prisoners and re-education camp prisoners who cannot get exit visas from the communist regime.

"They are people who are not allowed to leave by legitimate means," he said.

"We understand fully Thailand's concern with the security problem involving the arrival of the boat people.

"We also understand Thailand's burden of the large number of refugees already in Thailand and the so-called 'long-stayers' in Phanat Nikom camp.

"But pushing back the boat people, many in their opinion, is not the solution to solve the refugee problem."

IRAC has sent a statement to refugee organizations throughout the US, including some 180 Indochinese refugee agencies represented by IRAC, urging refugees in the US to write home.

"We can understand the frustration of Thailand on the refugee problem and the burden that they are bearing, but we do not understand what can be perceived as licensing piracy action. It is quite contrary to the humane nature of the Thai people."

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BROWN, recalled to testify.

ator for refugee affairs Jonathan Moore.

Dr. Khao said the group urged the State Department to speed up the resettlement of refugees in Thailand's Phanat Nikom processing camp.

They also asked the US to expedite the Orderly Departure Programme.

"The ongoing rate of ODP processing is very slow. The backlog stands at about 20,000," Dr. Khao said.

Last Thursday, the IRAC president met with Richard Childress of the US National Security Council to discuss short- and long-term solutions to the refugee problem.

Mr. Childress said he has been working with the highest level officials of the Thai Government and understood that progress toward reaching a solution has been gradual.

He told the IRAC group Thailand had agreed to allow United Nations and private organizations to provide food and supplies to refugees stranded.

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Newspaper article: Kanchanalak, Pompiamol. "VN residents of US protest Thai pushback of refugees." Bangkok Post, Feb 22 1988.

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Scope and Contents

Folder Case	Years	Item Types	Details
Vietnamese American Collection, No. 1	1978-1988	Bibliography, academic articles, photocopies of newspaper articles, government reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indochinese Cultures Project. "New Roots in American Soil: A Bibliography of the Culture of the Indochinese Refugees." Salazar Library, Sonoma State University. (2 copies) ● Hanh, Nguyen Van. "Indochinese Refugee Resettlement in the United States: A Socioeconomic Analysis. ● Aylesworth, Laurence Saigo, Peter G. Ossorio, and Lawrence T. Osaki. "Stress and Mental Health among Vietnamese in the United States." Pacific/Asian American Mental Health Research Center, 1978. ● Le, Van. "Vietnam System of Education and Refugee Students' Educational Problems." ● Le, Van. "Republic of Vietnam Educational System." ● "Draft of Letter to California Legislature regarding Vietnamese Refugees Denied Entry to Thailand." 22 Mar. 1988. ● "Smugglers dump 500 Vietnamese on Thai islands." ● Suksamran, Nawarat and Thana Poopat. "1,000 Vietnamese refugees sent back." ● "UNHCR accuses Thai ship of ramming refugee boat."

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