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Rohingya Boat People Trafficked in Thailand



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Increased numbers of Rohingya, a Muslim minority that is effectively denied citizenship in Burma, have been crossing to Thailand in often-rickety boats. This has included numerous children, many of whom are unaccompanied by parents.

Thousands of Rohingya have passed through one of at least three "trafficking camps" in southern Thailand, where some have been held for ransom or sold to fishing boats and farms as manual laborers. A high-ranking police official confirmed to journalists the existence of the camps and acknowledged an informal policy called "option two," which relies on smuggling networks to expel Rohingya migrants, including asylum seekers, from Thailand.

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By Lewis Mudge
Bloomberg

Until recently, thousands of people escaping violence in the Central African Republic at least could find

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by Nik Steinberg
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