

Nations Hold Summit on Migrant Crisis in Southeast Asia



Bangkok, May 29 (RHC)-- Representatives from countries around the world gathered in Thailand today to discuss the migrant crisis in Southeast Asia.

In recent weeks, about 3,500 migrants have arrived in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, while 2,600 more are believed to be adrift at sea. Most are Bangladeshis and persecuted Rohingya Muslims from Burma who are effectively stateless because they aren't considered citizens in Burma.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Anne Richard called for greater international cooperation to address the crisis. She said it is necessary to "go and look at the root causes of why people feel they have no alternative but to flee their own countries and take such a dangerous, dangerous trip."

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