



# Christian Freedom International

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## WHAT'S NEXT FOR PAKISTANI REFUGEES?

*"Remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3*



## THE FUTURE FOR PAKISTANI CHRISTIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS IS BLEAK.

In the past two years alone the number of Pakistani Christian asylum seekers arriving in Bangkok has gone from 3,000 to **9,000 families.**

Currently, there are few, if any, “slots” available for refugees in Bangkok from potential receiving countries. The world priority for refugees for resettlement are those who have fled Syria—mostly Muslim Syrians. Hence, most of the available slots in the U.S. and other free nations, go to Muslim Syrian conflict refugees.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING:

CFI is providing relief and aid to more and more families.

CFI is developing initiatives to provide education for the children and Thai language trainers.

CFI is developing “cottage industries” for families to earn money wherever possible.



# ► WHY WON'T PRESIDENT OBAMA OR SECRETARY CLINTON SAY "WE ARE AT WAR WITH RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORISTS"?

Many people have been asking this question

The answer might surprise you.

During the Obama administration, the State Department quietly, secretly, and methodically changed the rules on how the U.S. government treats asylum seekers. This all happened while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State.

These changes in U.S. policy now make it almost impossible for persecuted Christians to obtain asylum in the U.S. At the same time, the Obama Administration has made it relatively easy for Muslims to seek refuge in the U.S.

Traditional and historical asylum rules always permitted refugees fleeing religious persecution in their homeland to ask for refuge or asylum in the United States.

The persecution might have come from any governmental unit or other organized groups such as tribes, clans, rebel militias, or even a local mosque.

The Obama Administration, during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State, changed long-standing, bipartisan American rules to now limit refugee applications to be **only for people who are persecuted by an official national government.**

In other words, because ISIS is not a recognized national

government, Christians and others facing persecution — even unto death — by ISIS are denied the possibility of refugee status in the United States by the rule change of the Obama Administration.

The world knows that ISIS militia fighters are beheading, torturing and forcing Christians to convert to Islam or die, as a matter of policy.

Yet under the new Obama-Clinton doctrine, none of this qualifies as persecution eligible for asylum because it is not practiced by a national government. America's door is likewise closed to

In the Muslim world this even has a name, it is called a fatwa.

Under the new Obama Administration policy, the targets of such death warrants or fatwas have no possibility of refuge in the United States because the source of the death warrant is not a national government.

As a result, a Christian in Pakistan such as Asia Bibi could not obtain asylum in the U.S. because technically she is persecuted by local Muslims and not the national government of Pakistan. Persecuted Syrian and Iraqi Christians cannot obtain

to Christianity could apply for and receive refuge in the U.S.

I have personally testified at numerous asylum hearings on behalf of Christians from Pakistan, Iran, Bangladesh, China and elsewhere.

But now, because of the rule changes, asylum seekers from these places are not eligible for refuge in the U.S. because they are not persecuted as a matter of policy by their national governments-- according to the Obama administration.

Now, the U.S. will only take refugees from places where the recognized government has engaged in war against its own people such as Syria.

The result, tens of thousands of Muslims are pouring into the U.S. from places such as Syria, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and elsewhere. They are processed en masse, not on an individual basis.

So to answer my question: The reason President Obama and Hillary Clinton will not say the words "radical Islamic terrorism" is because, by doing so, they would have to admit that Christians face persecution in Islamic majority nations.

By doing so, they would have to allow Christian asylum seekers to obtain refuge in the U.S. This is an admission they are not willing to make. Rather, they constantly remind us that Islam is a religion of peace and love.

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persecuted Christians where it is technically the provincial or local governments (albeit with the approval and support of the national government) who practice systematic persecution against religious minorities.

There are innumerable, documented situations where local authorities issue death warrants against people of rival or minority faiths with no legal process at all.

asylum in the U.S. because they are not persecuted by their national governments for being a Christian.

Prior to the Obama administration, the U.S. would take in persecuted Christians on a case by case basis. The asylum seeker would have to prove incidents of religious persecution in federal court. Until now, Christians facing death from a local mosque or local government hostile

# WHAT YOU CAN DO:

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The immediate remedy is to undo the Obama-Clinton change in American standards for refugee application. We must revert to the bipartisan consensus of many years that focused on the fact of persecution, rather than qualifying the source — a national government — before providing refuge.

Please visit our website and sign our petition to allow persecuted Christians to be able to apply for asylum in the U.S.

Persecuted Christians pose no threat to national security. All we are asking is for the right for their cases to be considered.

Please be a voice for the voiceless today.

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