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REFUGEES : THE FACTS

Refugees are specially protected by the 1951 Refugee Convention.

Following WW2 Britain took a leading role in developing the 1951 Refugee Convention to protect people who are forced to flee from persecution.

The Refugee Convention places a legal obligation on states to protect people who: 'owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country'.

In 2015 the UNHCR estimated that there were 59.5 million people displaced from their homes world wide.



Who is who...

Migrant

Anyone who moves



Asylum Seeker

A person who is fleeing persecution and has come to a different country to ask to be given refugee status. You cannot be an illegal asylum seeker. Sometimes trucks and boats are the only way to come.



Refugee

An official legal designation when a country recognizes that you have had to flee persecution and will offer you protection.



86%

Of the world's refugees are hosted in developing countries.



Britain received just

3%

of the asylum applications made in Europe in 2015.



3,771

Men, women and children died crossing the Mediterranean to seek asylum in 2015



Asylum seekers aren't allowed to work. If they are destitute they are given

£36.95

per week to live off and are housed in hard to let accommodation.



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