

## Pakistanis' Fate in Doubt

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— A group of Pakistani refugees, released Saturday by the Cambodian Communists, have been refused entry into Thailand and may be returned to Cambodia, according to diplomatic and relief officials.

The 99 Pakistanis, most of them without any travel documents, are still at the frontier at Aranyaprathet, 135 miles west of Bangkok, with no facilities and no place to go.

The Pakistani Ambassador to Thailand, Abdul Dyayur, said today that he had sent a member of the embassy staff to the border to try to straighten out the situation, which was unclear.

Mr. Dyayur refused to discuss any details of the situation, he said, "until I have received a full report." But officials at the frontier said that though the Pakistanis wanted to go home, Pakistan had refused to accept them officially because they had no travel documents.

### Thailand Is Between Fires

Thailand, confronted with a hostile Cambodia and Vietnam on her flanks, is trying her hardest not to accept a large number of refugees from either country and to steer a neutral course. The alternative, according to a Thai Government official, is either to persuade some other country to take the Pakistanis or to return them to Cambodia.

The Pakistanis at the border crossing say that unlike the other foreigners who arrived at the border Saturday, they were not expelled from Cambodia, but left voluntarily. They joined the foreigner's truck convoy at Battambang, Cambodia's second largest city, where they had lived.

Cambodia had a Pakistani community of more than 400 persons. Several Pakistanis, with legitimate travel documents, were in the group from the French Embassy.

The Pakistanis from Battambang, most of them merchants, are believed to have felt that the new Government of Cambodia did not hold out much promise of a continuation of their way of life, and so they elected to leave.

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