

Embassy of India
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The Embassy continues to receive reports of Indian nationals being trafficked to scam-centers located in some countries sharing border with Thailand. These scam-centers are engaged in cybercrimes as well as other fraudulent and criminal activities. From Thailand, the victims are illegally taken across the land border to these scam-centers located outside Thailand, where they are forced to work under inhuman conditions and are often subjected to harsh treatment.

The victims from India are being lured with lucrative employment offers from dubious/ non-existent firms in Thailand, and once they reach Thailand they are trafficked to neighbouring countries across the border. Instances of online and offline recruitment of Indian nationals from various states of India and also from overseas locations, through social media platforms and agents, have been reported.

Entering Thailand under the current visa-free regime for the Indian nationals is meant for tourism purposes only, and it does not permit any type of employment in Thailand. Indian nationals are advised to exercise maximum caution while considering job offers in Thailand, thoroughly verify the antecedents of recruiting agents and companies before taking up any job in Thailand, and strictly adhere to the government rules and regulations including seeking appropriate visa for the purpose.

The Embassy will continue to extend all necessary support in case a victim, once rescued, has to be repatriated through Thailand. There is a laid down procedure for repatriation from Thailand which needs to be followed. All victims and their families are requested not to entertain agents or make any payment to an unauthorized person, if approached at any stage of the repatriation process.

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