

Afghan Orphans Targeted by Taliban for Forced Marriage and Slavery

How does America begin to restore its moral conscious and reputation in the world from the horrendous withdrawal in Afghanistan? By doing the right thing and assisting 400-plus Afghan orphans targeted by the Taliban for slavery and exploitation.

Representative Mike Bost (R-IL) petitioned the State Department to permit the orphans entry into America to be released into foster care and/or adopted by waiting American families. Bost learned of the children's plight from the National Child Protection Task Force (NCPTF) who helped get the children and 2000 adults safely out of the country before it closed.

The children are currently being held in a Middle Eastern host country. However, they have said they will have to return the rescued group to Afghanistan if permission is not granted within two weeks. Almost a week has already passed since that announcement.

According to the petition, "Since mid-August, the National Child Protection Task Force (NCPTF) has worked with non-governmental organizations to conduct an operation to evacuate children and at-risk individuals from Afghanistan. It is critical that these refugees are re-settled quickly in the United States in order to protect them from retribution, killing, slavery and exploitation. We urge the Administration to work with NCPTF to resettle these refugees and we also urge you to express to the host country government the importance of extending the two weeks limit for these high-risk individuals given the circumstances."

“We have children whose parents couldn’t get out,” said Kevin Metcalf, CEO of NCPTF. “They made sure that their kids got over that wall or got through the gate. What I hope will happen is that this American spirit will once again step up and say we’re going to take those kids.”

While they have been safely evacuated to a temporary host nation in the Middle East, there are large groups still waiting to get out. In addition, the host nation has put a time limit of two weeks on their ability to keep the children.

The National Child Protection Task Force (NCPTF) in partnership with Chad Robineaux’s Save our Allies organization have been petitioning Secretary Blinken and our State Department to approve the visas for these children and at least 2000 adults also rescued in the mission. They are currently going through a 7-point identification and vetting process.

“There are hundreds of organizations on stand-by to support and pay for all travel costs and incurred as well as provide placement for these children. What I can tell you is we have more families available to take them than children. All we need is a “Yes,” from the State Department stated Metcalf.

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