



Cambodians fly in to freedom

MRS HONG VAR, 30, and her daughter Panta, six, face a reception committee with oriental calm at Heathrow today.

They are the first, and could be the last, Cambodian refugees to reach Britain and escape the horrors of civil war and starvation in South-East Asia.

She flew in on a Thai International flight with her other daughter Somaly, 10, and her sister Vyada, 23.

They travelled under the protective umbrella of the British Council for Aid to Refugees and Christian Out Reach, two British voluntary organisations dedicated to helping thousands of Cambodians now fleeing across the borders into Thailand.

The Rev. Pat Ash, chairman of Christian Out Reach, said today. "Mrs Var was cared for by our people when she was found in the borderland by a British television crew.