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Eritrean Asylum Seekers in Djibouti Now Under Consideration for Refugee Status

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The America Team has just learned that Eritreans asylum seekers in Djibouti long seeking official refugee status, are now eligible for consideration to be classified as refugees, per announcements from the Djibouti government. Accordingly, the UNHCR and the government's refugee office, are issuing lists of asylum seekers to take the RSD (Refugee Status Determination) interview, and some have been given appointments to be informed the decision of the government regarding the refugee status beginning November 10, 2010. The UNHCR says that the RSD decisions will be completed by the end of this year.

Earlier in this year, several hundred Eritrean refugees were resettled, primarily to the United States, including in Boston, Louisville, Miami and Orlando.