**Asylum** is a form of protection given by a state on its territory based on the principle of non-refoulement (no repulsing/sending back) and internationally or nationally recognised refugee rights.

It is granted to a person who is unable to seek protection in his/her country of citizenship and/or residence, in particular for fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

**Related concepts**
- Application for international protection
- Asylum applicant
- Asylum decision
- Asylum recognition rate
- Foreign population
- Migration
- Refugee
- Repeated applicant

**Statistical data**
- Asylum applications - annual statistics

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