ABSTRACT

TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN: THE BALKAN ROUTH

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The Balkan route is nowadays one of the best organized area of trafficking in human beings. Due to the war, militarism, social transition from communism and globalization processes, forced and other kinds of migration, social disorganization, rise in poverty and unemployment among women, feminization of poverty, cultural factors rooted within patriarchal societies, well-established smuggling channels and a lot of other socio-economic and criminal components - trafficking in women and children in Balkan and other East European countries are created as illustrative model of slavery of women and children.

The definition and the size/amount of the phenomenon will be given. This is the most profitable illegal businesses which is spreading more and more. According to the US State Department data from 1998, between 700,000 - 2,000,000 women and children are trafficked every year and traffickers in human beings earn 7-13 billion dollars a year.

According to the statistics of the International Organization for Migration office in Belgrade and concerned to the trafficking in women in Serbia, among others, one can see the next characteristics of the phenomenon. According to the nationality, 51% of women included in the process of trafficking are coming from Moldova; Italy is intended destination for 51% of them; in 54% cases gender of the recruiter was - female; 85% of victims answered that "work" was the reason for which they left their home country; 55% of the victims were in the age of 18-24.

Finally, the comparison regarding the countries from which victims of the traffic in women mostly originate, transit countries via which they cross and destination countries where they end up - will be done.

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