

The Hotline for Migrant Workers

Tel Aviv, Israel

“ANOTHER DELIVERY FROM TASHKENT”

Profile of the Israeli trafficker

■ Methodology

- Sources
- Difficulties

■ Definition

■ Previous research

Background - the evolution of the Israeli trafficker

- 90's – Large influx of immigrants following the collapse of the Soviet Union
- Tolerance towards the illegal sex industry
- Lack of trafficking legislation

Personal characteristics

Age

- Average age of traffickers – 40 years
(Ranging from 19 to 58 years)

Origin

- over 70% of the traffickers were born in countries of the ex-Soviet Union

Personal characteristics

Sex

- 90% men (291)
- 10% women (34)

Female traffickers

Women's role in crime is generally low -

April 2007: 330 female prisoners

20'995 males prisoners

34 female-trafficker cases

- 42% - trafficking together with husband
- 19% - trafficked into prostitution in the past
- 24% - trafficking with other family members
- 9% - 'Independent' traffickers (3 cases)

The traffickers' family

Wife / Partner

- 64% married / living with a partner
- 20% divorced
- 11% single

Children

Other family members

Previous activity of traffickers

- 47% - Normative background, no criminal record
- 27% - Some criminal record
- 26% - Prostitution / trafficking related criminal record (recidivists)

- **Traffickers' attitude towards victims**
- **Physical and mental health**
- **Economic status**

Punitive considerations

Trafficking for prostitution (2001-2006)

- Maximum punishment: 16 years
- Minimum punishment: 4 years
- Average sentence of traffickers: 3.5 years (trafficking or a related crime)

The new trafficker

- Trafficking for exploitation other than sexual:
 - Domestic servitude
 - Forced labor
 - Slavery
 - Organ removal
 - ...

Recommendations

- Reject the wide use of special personal circumstances and marginal roll argument by traffickers (and reserve these for cases of victims turned perpetrators)
- Get liberated of life in the shade of a demonic “real” trafficker, next to whom all others are marginal ►
Treat all traffickers with the appropriate gravity – as defined by the trafficking law.
- Develop rehabilitation program in light of the special characteristics and perceptions of traffickers.
- Change the policy and mindset concerning new forms of trafficking and start bringing these perpetrators to justice.

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