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- Abduction/Kidnapping: 7 to 10 Years of imprisonment and fine
- Planned but not carried out: 5 Years of imprisonment and fine
- Knowingly employing a victim of migrant smuggling: 7 Years of imprisonment and fine

WHAT CAN I DO?

For Any Migrant Smuggling Related Matter Please Contact The Federal Investigation Agency on Details Given Below

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WHAT IS SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS?

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime defines Smuggling of Migrants as “procurement, in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit, of the illegal entry of a person into a State Party of which the person is not a national or a permanent resident.”

THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

The procurement of the illegal entry of a person into a State party of which the person is not a national in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit. Enabling a person to remain in a country where the person is not a legal resident or citizen without complying with requirements for legally remaining in order to obtain, directly or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

A DEADLY BUSINESS:

- Criminals are increasingly providing smuggling services to irregular migrants to help them evade national border controls, migration regulations and visa requirements.
- Since the smuggling of migrants is a highly profitable business with a low risk of detection, smugglers are becoming more and more organized.
- Smugglers offer different highly sophisticated and expensive services that rely on document forgery or visa obtained on fraudulent grounds.
- Smugglers constantly change routes and methods in response to changed circumstances, often at the expense of the safety of the smuggled migrants.
- Thousands of people have lost their lives as a result of the indifference or even deliberate cruelty of smugglers of migrants.

| FACTORS | PREVENTION |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Unemployment■ Poverty■ Absence of social safety■ Lured by false promises of financial gains■ False promises of employment overseas | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Validate the source■ Educate yourself■ Validate the travel agent■ Make yourself aware of international laws■ Research |
| WHO ARE SMUGGLERS | WHO ARE VICTIMS? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Organized Criminal Groups■ Unverified Travel Agencies/Agents■ People with access to tools to forge travelling documents■ Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ People from impoverished backgrounds■ People of low income■ People seeking employment in foreign countries■ Men, Women and children■ Youth■ People lacking awareness of their rights■ People with low level of education■ Young run-away girls |

SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS LAW IN PAKISTAN:

The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act 2018 defines smuggling of migrants as: “Smuggling of migrants means the facilitation, for benefit, of illegal entry of another person who is a foreigner, as defined in the Foreigner’s Act, 1946 (XXXI of 1946), into Pakistan or from Pakistan into a country of which the person is not a national or a permanent resident; or is a citizen of Pakistan, as specified in the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 (II of 1951), into another country of which the person is not a national or a permanent resident; A smuggled migrant means any person in relation to whom an offence is committed irrespective of the fact if the perpetrator is identified, apprehended, prosecuted or convicted.”