



Human Trafficking & Migrant smuggling Newsletter

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“The problem of human trafficking cannot be addressed by a single stakeholder, whether public, private or non-governmental. In order to be effective and to provide a sustainable solution to the issue, engagement must be multi-stakeholder in approach and focused on partnerships”.

*United Nations Office on
Drugs and Crime*

Note: Statistics for this newsletter have been provided by the FIA

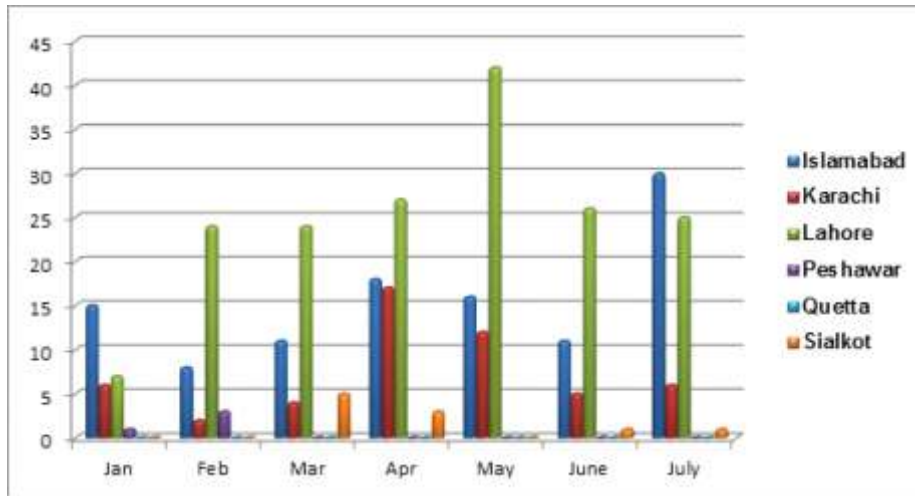


Efforts of FIA in combating human trafficking and migrant smuggling (HTMS)

Federal investigation agency in past few years has adopted numerous measures to control human trafficking and migrant smuggling. One of the steps include deployment of the Integrated Border Management System (IBMS) at major immigration entry and exit points. This system has positively helped authorities to

identify forged documents and control human trafficking cases. From January till July 2014 they identified 350 passengers who were traveling on forged documents out of which 65 alone were on fake visas. The data table below illustrates trends of those off-loaded in each city:

Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Total
Islamabad	15	8	11	18	16	11	30	109
Karachi	6	2	4	17	12	5	6	52
Lahore	7	24	24	27	42	26	25	175
Peshawar	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Quetta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sialkot	0	0	5	3	0	1	1	10
Total	29	37	44	65	70	43	62	350



Other steps include establishment of facilitation and complaint centers at major airports along with affixation of banners at all immigration counters, displaying federal investigation agency's website along with a help-line number for registration of complaints.

From January to July 2014 FIA Anti Human

Trafficking Circles (AHTCs) arrested 624 human smugglers, which is a great effort towards curbing human trafficking and migrant smuggling (HTMS). Apart from the arrest of human smugglers and traffickers, the AHTCs also arrested 440 proclaimed offenders (POs) and 65 court absconders (CAs) involved in human trafficking and migrant smuggling related cases.

Human Smugglers Arrested

Sr No	Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Total
1	Islamabad	25	30	23	40	41	17	11	187
2	Lahore	40	36	72	72	69	71	76	436
3	Karachi	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
4	Peshawar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		65	66	95	112	110	89	87	624

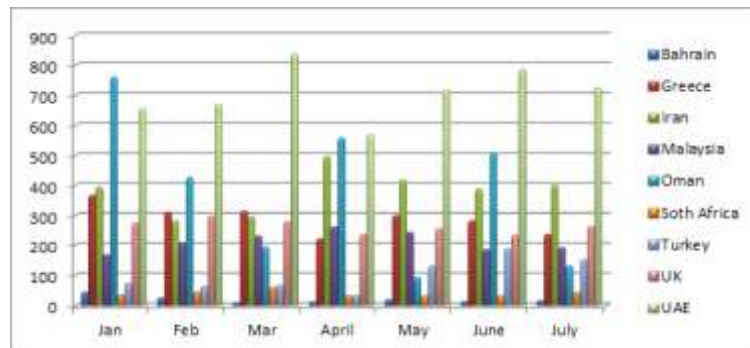
	Month	Proclaimed Offenders	Court Absconders
1	January	25	0
2	February	99	15
3	March	103	28
4	April	57	07
5	May	63	03
6	June	61	11
7	July	32	1
Total		440	65

In an attempt to disrupt criminal syndicates and to enhance cooperation with regional states FIA established a liaison office in Oman, which is one of the major destination, to which Pakistanis travel for different purposes including for labor related jobs.

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia is on top of the list for deportees sent back to Pakistan. People from Pakistan travel to Saudi Arabia mainly for two reasons, one is work related and other is for pilgrimage. From January to

July 2014, 23557 individuals have been deported from Saudi Arabia only. Since the influx of Pakistanis is higher in Saudi Arabia, the deportation rate also becomes higher, but this does not mean that these Pakistanis are being deported only due to forged documents and or prospective human trafficking attempts. There are many reasons involved, including entry refusal, overstay/visa expiration etc. The table and graph below shows trends and figures from different countries.

S.No	Country	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
1	Bahrain	44	24	9	11	19	12	15	134
2	Greece	366	310	314	221	299	282	236	2028
3	Iran	394	281	295	495	417	387	400	2669
4	Malaysia	168	208	231	261	244	186	192	1490
5	Oman	760	426	194	558	93	505	131	2667
7	South Africa	35	45	59	33	32	32	43	279
8	Turkey	73	63	67	33	131	189	152	708
9	U.K.	274	297	279	237	255	234	263	1839
10	UAE	655	668	838	568	718	786	725	4958
Total		2769	2322	2286	2417	2208	2613	2157	16772



FIA has also established Immigration Vigilance Units (IVU) within the FIA Headquarter. IVU is responsible for taking action against corrupt and inefficient officials and will also for disseminating actionable intelligence to field units. It will carry out monitoring of immigration staff regarding deportees, inadmissible passengers and those deported on forged documents. In addition measures will be taken to improve the public image of FIA immigration wing at national as well as international level by ensuring passenger friendly environment.

FIA in collaboration with UNODC has established a Helpline (051-9261104) for public to provide information pertaining to traffickers and potential victims of human trafficking. Also, a Skype helpline for Punjab has been established in Lahore Office with the collaboration of UNODC Pakistan Office. A victim reception and facilitation centre is in the process of being established by UNODC for FIA at Taftan border area of Baluchistan, where shelter along with legal assistance would be provided to incoming deportees from the Islamic Republic of Iran.



Severe Sentence Imposed for the First Time for Human Trafficking

FIA, in its efforts to curtail the nuisance of human trafficking and migrant smuggling deals with different cases and pursues them rigorously. Recently the case of Mr. Asghar Khan who was awarded 7 years imprisonment and large sum of fine sheds light on the commitment of Pakistani judiciary in dealing with this heinous crime.

Asghar Khan, from Azad Kashmir, has been involved in taking money and luring people

of Faisalabad for overseas employment. He was arrested during the month of August 2013 in a raid with seven passports in his possession. FIR was lodged against him after his case was brought to trial in Court of Special Judge (Central) Faisalabad on 30 January 2014. The case was pursued by FIA Faisalabad which was finally decided on 3 July 2014 and conviction was awarded to the accused.



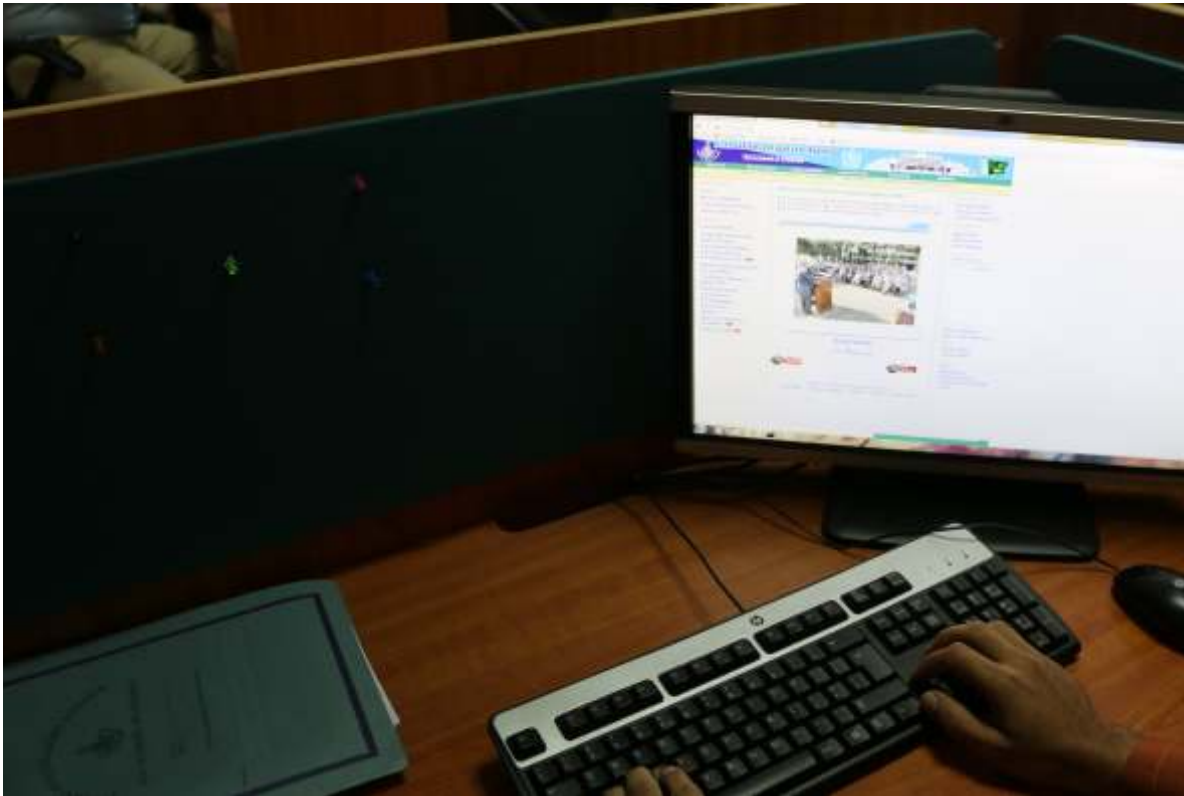
Victim Status limited to a few; new classification by FIA Immigration

The federal investigation agency has been treating all deported individuals as victims upon their return to Pakistan as they were not being charged with any offence. In recent months the FIA has developed various categories for deportees.

Under the newly created category the general deportees who reach home under the Voluntary Return Programme (VRP), in collaboration with IOM will enjoy the victim status. For those individuals deported for forged documents (DFD), a case will be registered against them, their agents and immigration officials who had assisted them

in boarding a flight. Constitutently, those found guilty will face seven years of imprisonment, fine or both.

Those Pakistanis who traveled on legitimate documents initially, but used forged documents after reaching their first destination to go to another country from there could also face possible imprisonment. FIA immigration authorities are closely scrutinizing travel document of those leaving for Malaysia and UAE, as these are the two major destinations from where most of the travelers try to enter illegally to a third country of their choice.



Research and Analysis Center - A UNODC and FIA Collaboration

In January 2014 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between UNODC Pakistan and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) here in Islamabad to establish a Research and Analysis Center at FIA Headquarters in Islamabad.

The Research and Analysis Center was officially inaugurated on 1 May 2014 with two researchers from UNODC and two from the FIA. This Center will contribute towards building the capacity of FIA officials by

enhancing and standardizing data collection and their reporting capabilities in cases related to illicit migration.

The center would act as a focal point for gathering data related to illicit migration and would develop reports for the senior management, which would assist them with strategic allocation of resources.



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