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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



13,000 Pakistanis deported from European countries over the past 4 years

Over 13,000 Pakistanis were deported from various European countries over the past four years. The number of deportees is gradually decreasing due to effective measures being taken by the FIA to control human trafficking. The majority of passengers were deported for reasons of overstay, loss of passport, entry refusal, illegal entry, voluntary return, revocation of residence permit, rejection of asylum case, non-payment of taxes, and/or fake/forged documents.

Starting from 2013, a total of 5,279 immigrants were deported that year from European countries. This number declined to 4,330 in 2014 and further to 2,457 in 2015; and a total 1,711 Pakistanis were deported in 2016.

In November 2016, a nationwide crackdown was initiated by the Federal Investigation Agency against human traffickers in collaboration with other Inter-Agency Task Force

(IATF) members. More than 1,800 raids were conducted during November and December 2016 during which 1,500 suspects from Punjab, and 890 from Islamabad Capital Territory, were arrested. Some of these arrests made by the FIA during the quarter are mentioned below.



Arrests of Human Traffickers and Migrant Smugglers

1. During early January, the Federal Investigation Agency arrested three human traffickers Sohail, Afzal, and Luqman from Gujranwala and Lahore. The culprits had sent four passengers namely Zeeshan, Osman, Abid, and Adeel from Gujranwala and Wazirabad to Turkey in exchange for a large amount of money. These persons were later abducted in Turkey by Kurdish pirates demanding the equivalent of PKR 2 million each as ransom for their release.

Investigations revealed that the gang took Rs 0.6 million from each person. It was also revealed that Sohail and Afzal were brothers: Afzal contacted families for ransom while Sohail sent them videos in which abductees were shown being tortured.

In this specific case the young men were lured into giving large sums of money by the promise of employment in technical areas in Turkey and other European countries. Many travel agencies operate under the guise of overseas em-

ployment promoters, and secure large amounts from people who desperately want to move abroad for better economic opportunities. Such people usually fall prey to networks operating in both source and destination countries.

2. On 1 February 2017, the FIA arrested along with his associates the leader of a gang involved in sending young people abroad. Mazhar Iqbal was apprehended in Lahore and his accomplice Zafar Iqbal from Gujranwala, on a tip-off. The FIA had received over 50 complaints of fraud against the two.

Investigations revealed that both Mazhar Iqbal and Zafar Iqbal were running their illegal enterprise under the guise of consultancy services for education and immigration to Canada and United Arab Emirates. During the previous 5 years their fraudulent business had netted them the sum of PKR 12 million.

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Policy Level Interventions Undertaken by FIA

The FIA during these years has taken several defining steps to improve its dealing with the issues of human trafficking and migrant smuggling. One of the most important was to draft the Strategic Framework to Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling with the assistance of UNODC Pakistan. This has been drafted and finalized in May 2016.

Similarly, concrete steps are being taken to extend the FIA's jurisdiction to the Torkham border crossing point to more effectively control illegal trafficking and human smuggling.

The FIA Inquiries and Investigation Rules are being revised to ensure transparency, merit, and fairness in process. The strict monitoring and vigilance vis a vis performance of all FIA officials has been instituted through the establishment of the Immigration Vigilance Unit.

It is understood that regular progress moni-

toring of the Agency on high profile cases is being done by the Ministry of Interior at a senior level, and a cash and reward system has been introduced for the best performers.

As far as prosecution is concerned, for the speedy disposal of pending inquiries and cases, and to enhance outreach, a new Anti-Human Trafficking Circle is established in Mardan, as well as a Special Court to adjudicate HTMS cases in Gujranwala.



Launch of UNODC Country Programme II (2016-19)

UNODC launched its USD 70 million Country Programme II (2016-19) under the title 'Developing Solutions for Drugs and Related Challenges in Pakistan' on 23 February 2017 at the Serena Hotel, Islamabad. In December 2016 UNODC, in collaboration with the Government of Pakistan, had organized a signing ceremony at the United Nations Office in Vienna to officially endorse Country Programme II, which was then presented to the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of the UN.

Under CP II, UNODC will help enhance the skills and knowledge of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in overcoming the multi-faceted threats posed by transnational organized crime, and would foster greater cooperation amongst neighboring countries to find common and effective solutions.

Mr. Aldo Lale-Demoz, Deputy Executive Director UNODC, visited Islamabad to attend

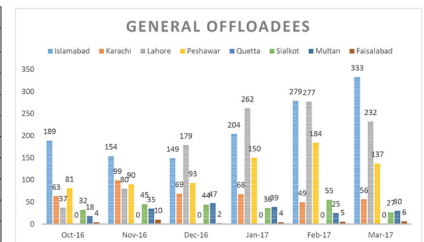
the presentation of Country Programme II, and in his speech at the ceremony jointly organized by the Narcotics Control Division (NCD) and the UNODC Country Office he stated, 'The Country Programme II is based on principles of national ownership, upstream policy, and a human rights based approach. Pakistan has demonstrated notable achievements in many areas of cooperation, owing to the national leadership and political commitment'.

On the occasion Mr. César Guedes, UNODC Representative, Country Office Pakistan, presented a comprehensive overview of assistance for the next four years under Country Programme II. While giving the presentation, Mr. Guedes emphasized that 'It is an opportunity to further advance Pakistan's strategy on counter-narcotics, strengthen regional cooperation, and streamline our collective

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Quarterly Data Analysis

General Offloadees								
Station	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Qtr. total	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Total
Islamabad	189	154	149	492	204	279	333	1,308
Karachi	63	99	69	231	68	49	56	404
Lahore	37	80	179	296	262	277	232	1,067
Peshawar	81	90	93	264	150	184	137	735
Quetta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sialkot	32	45	44	121	36	55	27	239
Multan	18	35	47	100	39	25	30	194
Faisalabad	4	10	2	16	4	5	6	31
Total	424	513	583	1,520	763	874	821	3,978



General Offloadees

Analysis: There has been an overall increase of 938 cases in comparison with the previous quarter, i.e. 62%. A sharp increase has been observed at Lahore Airport (475 cases), Islamabad (324 cases), and Peshawar (207 cases); and a slight decrease of cases in Karachi, Multan, Faisalabad, and Sialkot in comparison with the previous quarter.

Islamabad Airport remained at the top, where the maximum number of passengers were offloaded during the quarter; followed by Lahore, Peshawar, Karachi, Sialkot, Multan, and Faisalabad.

General Offloadees: Comparison with Pre-

vious Quarter by City

Islamabad: Increase of 324 (66%), with fluctuation between February and March.

Karachi: Decrease of 58 (25%), with lowest figure in February.

Lahore: Sharp increase, 475 cases (161%).

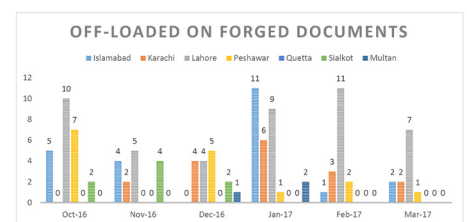
Peshawar: Increase of 207 (78%).

Sialkot: Minor decrease of 3 (2.5%).

Multan: Minor decrease of 6 (6%).

Faisalabad: Minor decrease of 1 (6%).

Offloaded on Forged Documents								
Station	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Qtr. total	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Total
Islamabad	5	4	0	9	11	1	2	23
Karachi	0	2	4	6	6	3	2	17
Lahore	10	5	4	19	9	11	7	46
Peshawar	7	0	5	12	1	2	1	16
Quetta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sialkot	2	4	2	8	0	0	0	0
Multan	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
Total	24	15	16	55	29	17	12	113



Offloaded on Forged Documents

Analysis: There has been an overall increase of 3 cases i.e. 5% in comparison with the previous quarter. An increase has been observed at Lahore Airport: from 19 to 27 cases, at Islamabad Airport: from 9 to 14 cases, and Karachi: from 6 to 11.

Lahore Airport remained at the top with the maximum number of passengers offloaded on forged documents, while the number declined for Peshawar; and there

were no cases in Quetta, Sialkot, or Multan.

OFD Cases: Comparison with Previous Quarter by City

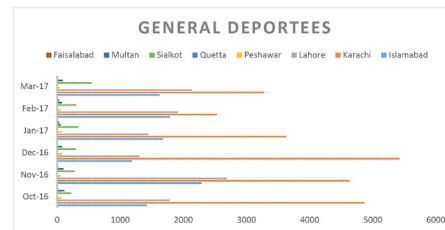
Islamabad: Increase of 5 (56 %).

Karachi: Increase of 5 (83%).

Lahore: Increase of 8 (42%).

Peshawar: Decrease of 8 (66%).

General Deportees									
Station	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Qtr. total	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Qtr. total	Total
Islamabad	1,422	2,288	1,187	4,897	1,677	1,785	1,625	5,087	9,984
Karachi	4,869	4,629	5,426	14,924	3,629	2,531	3,276	9,436	24,360
Lahore	1,778	2,689	1,303	5,770	1,445	1,911	2,138	5,494	11,264
Peshawar	63	49	77	189	85	54	41	180	369
Quetta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sialkot	226	281	294	801	338	300	544	1,182	1,983
Multan	116	100	78	294	58	73	90	221	515
Faisalabad	14	17	3	34	30	32	11	73	107
Total	8,488	10,053	8,368	26,909	7,262	6,686	7,725	21,673	48,582



General Deportees

Analysis: A slight decrease of 5,236 cases has been observed in comparison with the previous quarter, i.e. 20%. A major decrease was reported in Karachi of 5488; followed by Lahore with a decrease of 276 cases, and Multan with 73 cases. A slight increase of 190 cases was observed at Islamabad Airport, in Faisalabad with 39 cases, and Sialkot with 381 cases.

Karachi: Decrease of 5,488 (37%) with similar figures, overall, throughout the quarter.

Islamabad: Increase of 190 (4%).

Lahore: Decrease of 276 (5%).

Peshawar: Decrease of 9 (5%), with a slight decrease in March.

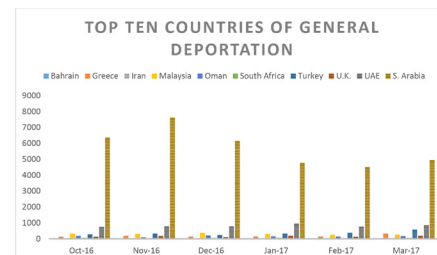
Sialkot: Increase of 381 (47%).

GD Cases: Comparison with Previous Quarter by City

Multan: Decrease of 73 (25%).

Faisalabad: Increase of 39 (114%).

Top Ten Countries of General Deportation									
S. No	Country	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Qtr. total	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Total
1	Bahrain	8	16	10	34	11	13	5	63
2	Greece	130	189	146	465	150	153	323	1,091
3	Iran	2	2	19	23	6	3	13	45
4	Malaysia	330	311	363	1,004	300	251	260	1,815
5	Oman	184	102	218	504	159	150	163	976
6	S. Africa	52	37	44	133	65	31	51	280
7	Turkey	279	325	238	842	326	377	585	2,130
8	UK	133	181	117	431	194	135	194	954
9	UAE	760	794	787	2,341	965	772	848	4,926
10	KSA	6,367	7,620	6,154	20,141	4,773	4,511	4,951	34,376
Total		8,245	9,577	8,096	25,918	6,949	6,396	7,393	20,738



Analysis: Overall a slight decrease of 5,180 cases, i.e. 20%, has been observed in comparison with the previous quarter. A major decrease in deportees from Saudi Arabia has been reported: from 20,141 to 14,235; i.e. 29%.

Malaysia: Decrease of 193 (19%).

UK: Increase of 92 cases (21%), with fluctuations.

Oman: Decrease of 32 (6%).

Turkey: Sharp increase of 446 (53%).

South Africa: Slight increase of 14 (10%).

GD Cases: Comparison with Previous Quarter by Country

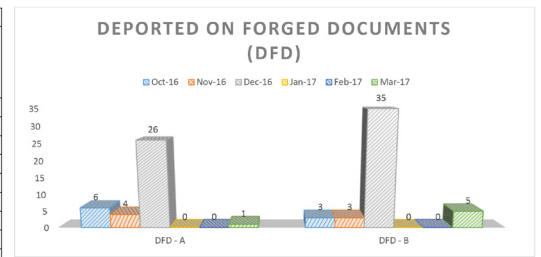
Greece: Sharp increase of 161 (34%).

Saudi Arabia: Decrease of 5,906 (29%), with major fluctuations throughout the quarter.

Iran: Minor decrease of 1 (5%).

UAE: Increase of 244 (10.5%).

Deported on Forged Documents														
Station	Oct 16		Nov 16		Dec 16		Qtr. total	Jan 17		Feb 17		Mar 17		Qtr. Total
	Cat		Cat		Cat			Cat		Cat		Cat		
	A	B	A	B	A	B		A	B	A	B	A	B	
Islamabad	0	1	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Karachi	0	0	1	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Lahore	0	9	2	9	0	6	26	0	8	0	11	0	16	35
Peshawar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quetta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sialkot	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	5
Multan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faisalabad	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	0	11	3	16	0	11	41	0	9	0	18	0	20	47



Deported on Forged Documents

Analysis: The data shows a slight increase of 6 cases in comparison with the previous

quarter, i.e. 14.7%. The highest number (35) of DFD cases was observed at Lahore Airport during this period.

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3. The FIA Punjab Zone has arrested a human trafficker, Muhammad Ijaz, from Faisalabad during a raid in the Satellite Town area of the city. The exercise was conducted following a field intelligence report's citing an alleged human trafficker of that name. The agency also seized a cash amount of PKR 0.96 million from his possession

The alleged trafficker was running an illegal business of sending people abroad after obtaining large sums of money from them: Muhammad Ijaz was involved in several instances of fraud, extortion, and sending people abroad illegally.

Further investigation revealed that the seized amount was from Muhammad Asif, son of Noor Muhammad, a resident of district Chiniot, and from two others persons; all of whom had been promised employment in Malaysia.

The raiding team recovered five Pakistani passports, along with fake stamps and other travel documents. A case has been registered against Mohammad Ijaz under the Immigration Ordinance 1979.

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efforts to promote the rule of law, good governance, and public health.'

In his address His Excellency Mr Baleegh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, Interior, and Narcotics Control stated, 'Being a common and shared responsibility, it requires more concerted efforts of the international community to effectively tackle this menace.'