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Commission on the status of women

<u>TOPIC</u>: Protecting women in migration from human trafficking sexual slavery, and sexual exploitation

humam trafficking in Iran is the phenomenon of human trafficking in Iran for the purposes of sexual exploitation and involuntary servitude. As a slavery of the new age, it has a worrying development. The scope and spread of this phenomenon can be studied in four areas: smuggling of women and girls, smuggling children and boys, trafficking in organs, and exploiting the work force of human. The continuation of bandage and enslavement in condition of fear and despair is a painful fate of trafficked victims, most of them being women and children.

There are many wide spread evidences that shows the increasing of prostitution and trafficking in women and children in Iran, especially in the northern areas of Tehran and other larger cities. However, after the 1979 anti-monarchy revolution, this was banned. But, women's self-sale was prevalent due to economic crises and the spread of unemployment.

According to a yearly report by the U.S state department on june 27,2017, "Iranian girl's aged 13 to 17 are targets of human trafficking gangs that are forcibly transmitted for sale and sexual services outside of Iran.

Despite the unexplained release of a few high profile prisoners of conscience just before the 2013 session of the UNGA, human rights defenders and other prisoners of conscience remain in prison, and they and their families are monitored and threatened by the state.

Several NGOs estimate there may be as many as 1,000 political prisoners and prisoners of conscience behind the bars in Iran today.

Current legislation criminalizes vague offences underfined under laws such as "acting against the system", "domestic and external security", and "disseminating lies" which facilitate the targeting of human right's defenders journalist.

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