



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*



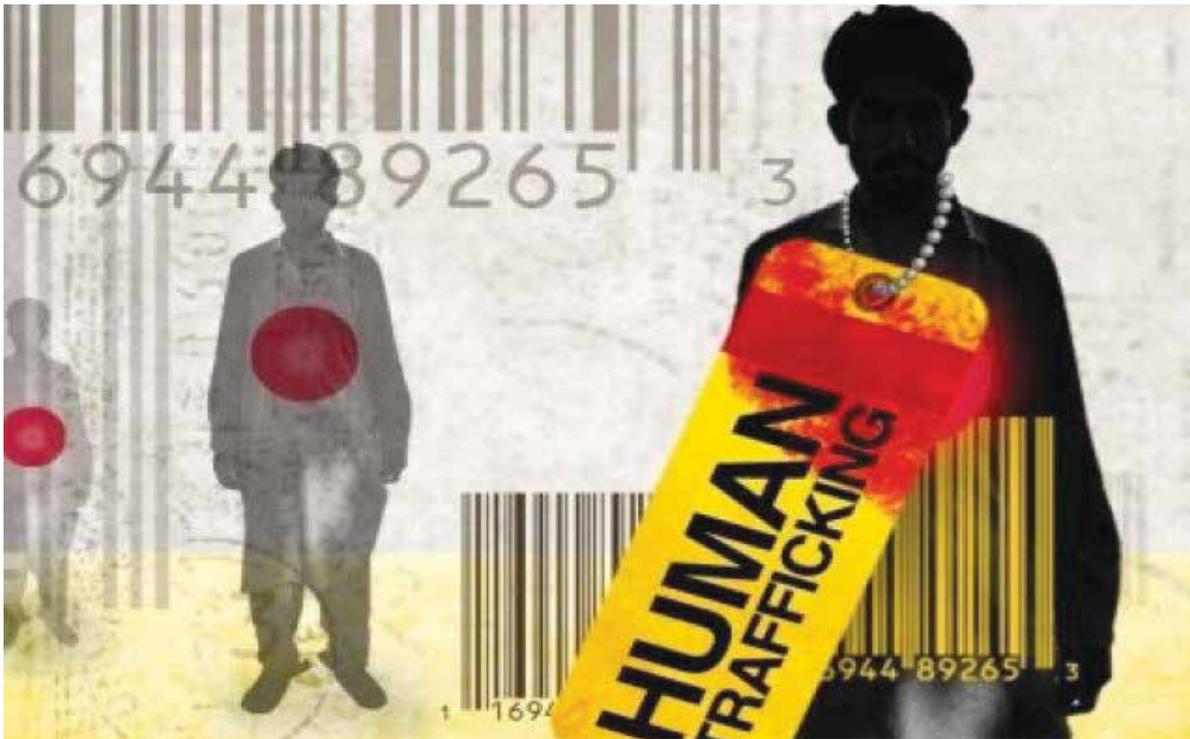
Entry refusal to deportees

Throughout 2015 approximately 116, 110 Pakistani nationals were deported back to their country of origin, and in many cases they lacked proper documentation. Several examples of refused entries from this quarter are provided below.

- On December 3, 2015, a special flight carrying 49 illegal immigrants who were deported from Greece landed at Benazir Bhutto International Airport in Islamabad. Out of the 49 deportees on board the flight, only 19 were accepted following proper verification. The remainder were returned to Greece on the same special flight that had brought them to Pakistan.
- Similarly, on December 10, 2015, 42 deportees were prevented from disembarking a special flight, which had flown from the United Kingdom to Benazir Bhutto International Airport. Following thorough examinations of their documents, six deportees were sent back to the UK due to

their lack of valid travel documents, whilst 36 were permitted entry., Of the 36 permitted entry, 34 were released and 2 were taken for further questioning by the Anti-Human Trafficking Cell. These 2 deportees had entered Europe via an illegal land route.

- Finally, on December 29, 2015 107 travellers, who had previously been deported from Saudi Arabia, were refused entry into Pakistan for lacking the necessary entry documents. However, these deportees were subsequently permitted entry after their papers were scrutinised, and following the necessary verification and instructions from the Minister of Interior. These deportees had flown to Islamabad via Jeddah, and initially it was not clear why the Saudi authorities had deported these Pakistani citizens, at least 15 of which were women. Eventually, the deportees were granted entry and later taken into custody by the FIA for further investigation.



Arrest of human traffickers and smugglers

Islamabad Zone: In its nationwide crackdown campaign during November and December, the FIA (Islamabad Zone) conducted several raids in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi with 13 teams arresting 13 human traffickers and a proclaimed offender. 154 passports, blanks signed stamp papers and blank letter pads of different companies were recovered and cases under the Passport Act and Immigration Ordinance were registered against the accused.

Human smuggler, Hazrat Ali was arrested in Sarae Char Bagh, Rawalpindi whilst possessing three passports; Sarfaraz Khan was arrested in Shamshabad, Rawalpindi whilst possessing 30 passports; Yasir Iqbal was arrested in Ghori Town, Islamabad whilst possessing 31 passports, and Iqbal Hussain was arrested on 6th Road in Rawalpindi whilst possessing six passports. FIRs under section 6 of Passport Act have been lodged against the accused. Under the law, no person can

retain passport of any other citizen.

Raids were also conducted in Taxila in which Muhammad Safeer and Luqman were arrested, possessing four and three passports respectively.

Punjab Zone: The FIA (Punjab Zone) conducted raids in different cities of Punjab Province including Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot and Lahore, leading to the arrest of several human traffickers and smugglers. Six notorious human traffickers were arrested in raids at various locations in Sialkot, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin and Gujranwala districts in December. Nawaz, Faisal, Mujahid, Tariq, Akmal and Humayun had an illicit business, which involved sending people abroad illegally. Their destinations included countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and East Asia, and included the extortion of vast sums of money.

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Police sensitization and community awareness sessions

Islamabad: Two training sessions were organised by the FIA in Islamabad to sensitise the police and civil society on issues related to Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling (HTMS). The sessions were organised in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Pakistan (UNODC-COPAK) and were supported by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection of Australia. The participants included 28 police officials from twin cities along with 25 civil society representatives. These sessions were aimed at enhancing the knowledge of relevant stakeholders especially the police and civil society on the issue of irregular migration and its adverse impact on local communities.

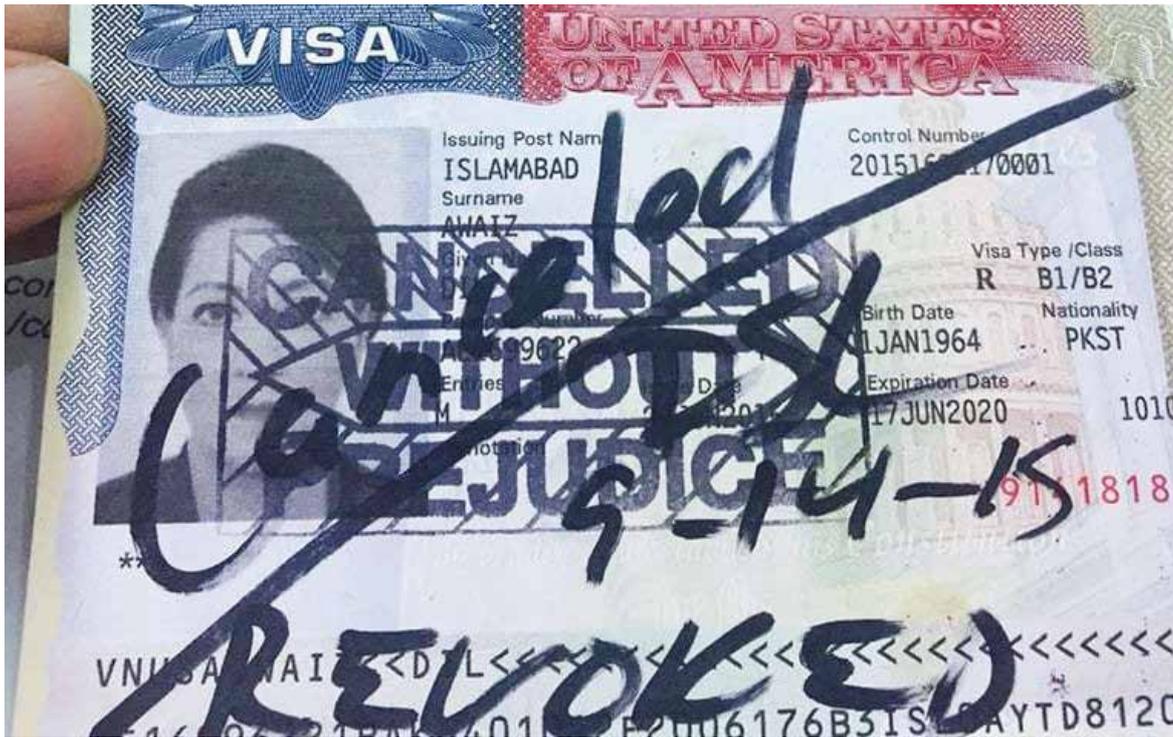
The FIA is the leading agency in controlling HTMS in Pakistan. In cases of internal human trafficking, police authorities are responsible for apprehending illegal migrants, maintain-

ing law and order in informal settlements of illegal migrant communities, taking internal human traffickers into custody and registering cases under the Pakistan Penal Code.

Experts from the FIA, UNODC and civil society delivered presentations during the training sessions. Mr Wajid Zia, the Additional Director of General Immigration, chaired the event. Mr Wajid Zia in his opening remarks stressed the important role of police and civil society in preventing irregular migration attempts through awareness and later in the rehabilitation process.

Lahore: The FIA and UNODC jointly organised two similar training sessions at the Hotel Hospitality Inn Lahore on 29 January, 2016. The sessions were aimed to sensitise police officials and civil society on the adverse impacts of human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

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FIA arrests travel agent for sending 250 people to US on forged documents

On December 31, 2015, the FIA arrested a travel agent named Raja Shafiq for illegally sending people to the United States on fake and forged documents. During investigation it was found that the agent, a resident of Kotli, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, has been receiving as much as USD 20,000/- for obtaining visas.

Raja Shafiq was arrested during an operation that was conducted following a complaint. According to the complaint, he prepared files for 250 people with wrong addresses and contact information as well as fake US sponsor details in the application.

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This event was in continuance of the one organised on 25 November, 2015 in Islamabad and was chaired by Dr Usman Anwar, Director of the FIA (Punjab Zone). Dr Usman highlighted the important role of the police in both the prevention and control of human trafficking, since taking internal human traffickers into custody and registering cases under the Pakistan Penal Code is the responsibility of Pakistan's police departments. According to Dr Usman, civil society also has a vital role to

play by remitting awareness at the grassroots level, which can create a difference.

Finally, training sessions were delivered by Mr Sajid Akram, Deputy Director of the FIA, Ms Shahida Gillani, Programme Officer from the UNODC-COPAK, and Major Amir Malik, Research Officer from the UNODC-COPAK. These sessions shared statistics and interventions that have been carried out in order to control human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

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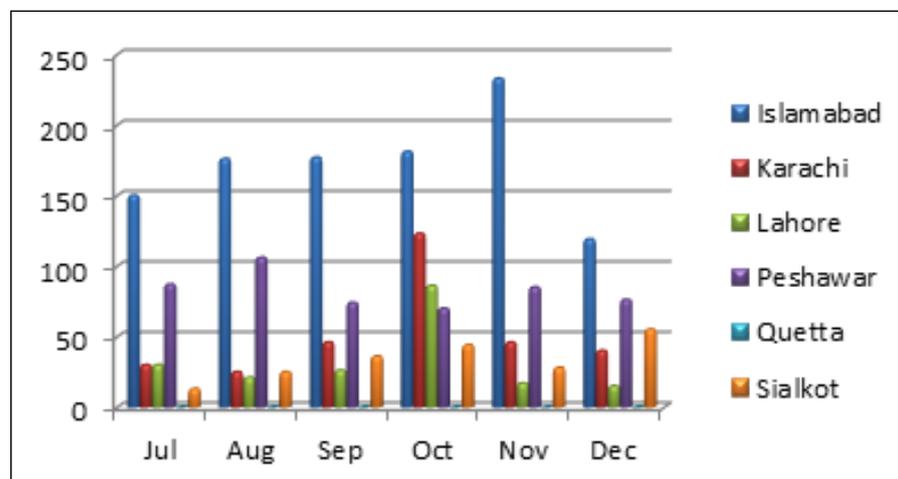
A raid was conducted at the Australian Immigration and Education Consultants Centre in Gujrat, leading to the arrest of Sohail Mehdi. A Pakistani passport, several sponsor letters, blank agreements of students, educational certificates, bank statements, bank loan letters, computers and other illegal immigration documents were recovered from his possession. Another raid was also conducted at Al Qibla Travel and Tours in Gujrat, leading to the arrest of the owner, Umer Farooq, for possessing five Pakistani passports. Similarly two agents who were sending people illegally to Greece via a land route were arrested from Gujrat and Sialkot during the crackdown. Their names are Irfan Kumhar and Tayyab Rasool respectively.

Similar raids were also conducted at 13 different places in the City of Lahore, including Firdous Market, Lawrence Road and the Latif Centre, leading to the arrest of 17 alleged human traffickers. The FIA recovered 60 passports with fake visas and illegal travel documents from their possession.

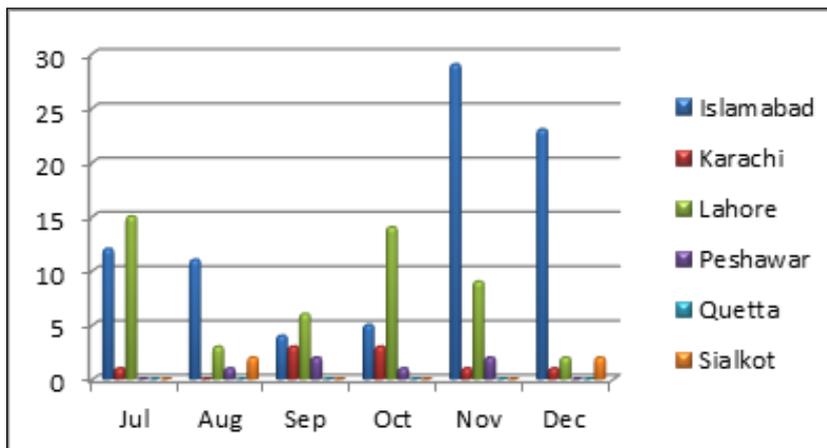
Most wanted: The FIA arrested two wanted human traffickers included in its red book. Muhammad Nadeem was arrested from Islamabad on a tip off, and an FIR was registered against him in 2013. Similarly, an FIA team arrested a group from Faisalabad involved in sending people to Europe and Turkey. Their group leader Shahbaz, who was also arrested on the spot, is a most wanted human trafficker.

Quarterly Data Analysis

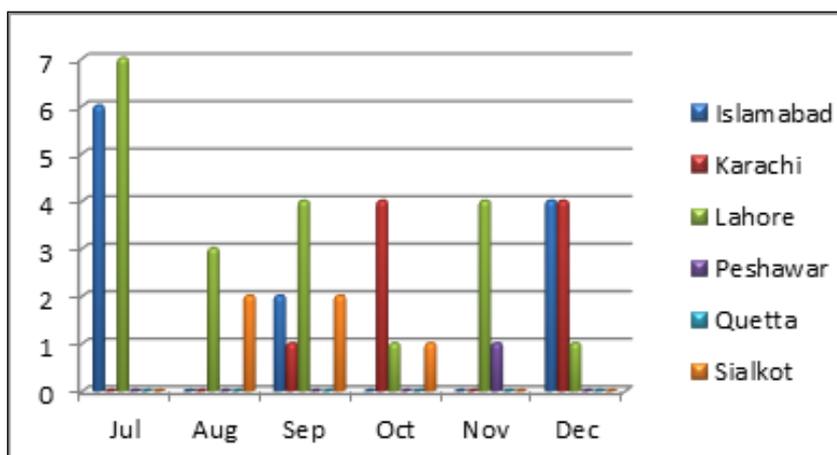
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| Station | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| Islamabad | 150 | 176 | 177 | 181 | 233 | 119 | 1036 |
| Karachi | 30 | 25 | 46 | 123 | 46 | 40 | 310 |
| Lahore | 30 | 21 | 26 | 86 | 17 | 15 | 195 |
| Peshawar | 87 | 106 | 74 | 70 | 85 | 76 | 498 |
| Quetta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sialkot | 13 | 25 | 36 | 44 | 28 | 55 | 210 |
| Total | 310 | 353 | 359 | 504 | 709 | 305 | 2240 |



| Offloaded on Forged Documents | | | | | | | |
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| Station | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| Islamabad | 12 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 84 |
| Karachi | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Lahore | 15 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 49 |
| Peshawar | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
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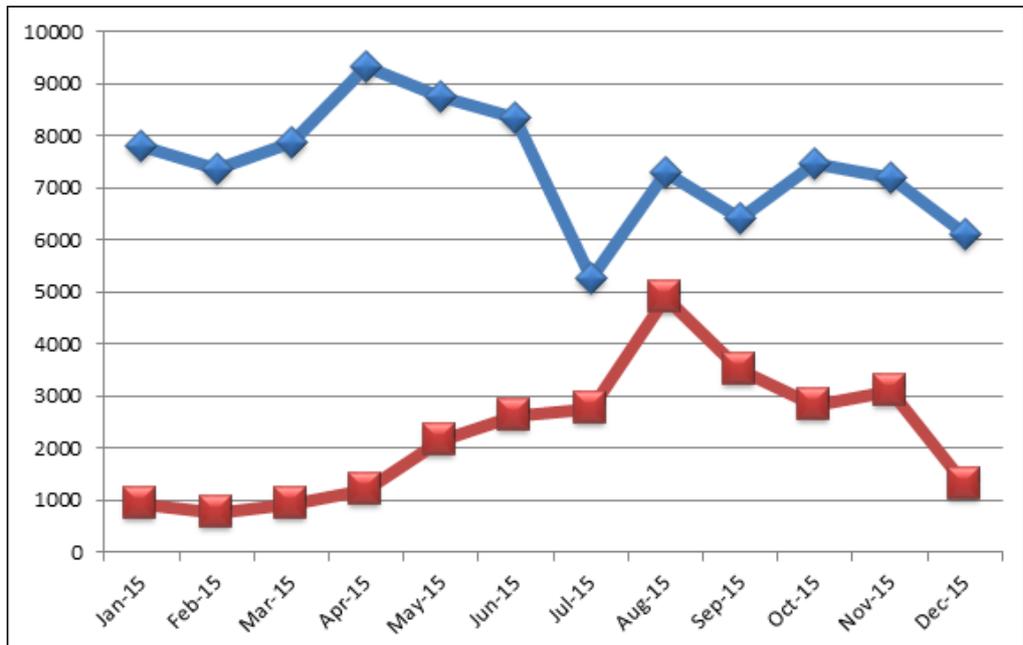


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| Karachi | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| Lahore | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 20 |
| Peshawar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Quetta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sialkot | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 13 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 47 |



| Top Ten Countries of General Deportation | | | | | | | | |
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| S. No | Country | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| 1 | Bahrain | 15 | 37 | 45 | 41 | 69 | 77 | 284 |
| 2 | Greece | 52 | 85 | 84 | 78 | 79 | 20 | 398 |
| 3 | Iran | 6 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 53 |
| 4 | Malaysia | 278 | 279 | 406 | 301 | 425 | 420 | 2109 |
| 5 | Oman | 556 | 429 | 408 | 498 | 118 | 18 | 2027 |
| 7 | South Africa | 62 | 60 | 63 | 63 | 16 | 10 | 274 |
| 8 | Turkey | 156 | 185 | 281 | 268 | 307 | 16 | 1213 |
| 9 | U.K. | 222 | 177 | 312 | 261 | 117 | 49 | 1138 |
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