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- **Phoenix, Arizona: America's Kidnapping Capital Is Brutal:** Maria had arrived at the modest three-bedroom house in west Phoenix several days earlier in the back of a white van. She was one of about a dozen other immigrants who had hired coyotes to smuggle them into the United States. They each paid the human smugglers about \$1,800 to guide them safely through the treacherous Arizona desert. Their guides instead delivered them to other, more vicious coyotes. The kidnapers demanded another \$1,700 apiece for Maria and the 12 others, including two young boys. The armed captors had tried to lock up Maria in the same room with the other women. ... Maria's husband argued with the kidnapers, telling them that she was sick, that he needed to keep an eye on her. Rather than hassle with a couple of the pollos (smugglers' slang for their cargo), the guards allowed them to stay together. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://www.miaminewtimes.com/2010-08-12/news/phoenix-arizona-america-s-kidnapping-capital-is-brutal/>]
- **[UPDATE] Life Sentence Thrown Out In Deadly Immigrant Crash [Arizona]:** An appeals court has thrown out the life sentence of a suspected smuggler who was the driver during a August 2006 rollover crash on Martinez Lake Road that killed 10 illegal immigrants, including a pregnant woman. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the U.S. District Court in Arizona didn't find that Adan Pineda-Doval planned the deaths or act with malice and it didn't provide the correct standard of proof at his sentencing. ... Pineda-Doval was driving a Chevrolet Suburban packed with 20 illegal immigrants on Martinez Lake Road on Aug. 7, 2006, when Border Patrol agents spotted him. He tried to get away, and the van crashed when he swerved to avoid a spike-strip agents had placed in the road. Several people were ejected from the vehicle and died on the scene. [Date: 10 August 2010; Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/pineda-63033-doval-court.html>]
- **FBI In Knoxville Calls Human Trafficking A Growing Problem [Tennessee]:** The FBI and humanitarian groups want to draw attention to the problem of human trafficking. They say it's happening in East Tennessee. Vulnerable people, often from other countries, are kept effectively as slaves working for criminal organizations. ... The FBI recently arrested Selvin Perdomo, 36, for allegedly running a sexual delivery service out of a rental home along Papermill Drive in Knoxville. Authorities say the majority of the female escorts were illegal immigrants. "Primarily it involved undocumented immigrants of Hispanic decent," Lambert said. He also says the recent human trafficking incident is emblematic of a rising national issue and East Tennessee is no exception. [Date: 10 August 2010; Source: <http://www.wate.com/global/story.asp?s=12958407>]
- **[UPDATE] £475k Bill For Worthing Human Trafficking Couple [United Kingdom]:** A jailed couple has been told they must hand over almost half a million pounds [784,000 USD] they made from illegally trafficking immigrants and forcing them to work in their Worthing care homes. Mauritian-born Shamila, 57, and Anbanaden Chellapermal, 63, of Queens Gate, London, were part of an international trafficking network which lured poor Mauritian workers to this country with the promise of wages four times greater than what they could earn at home. ... Shamila, also known as Shala, and Anbanaden, forced three women and a man from Mauritius to come to England and work in the care homes for up to 90 hours a week for only £450 a month, caring for vulnerable and elderly people. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://www.worthingherald.co.uk/worthing/475k-bill-for-Worthing-human.6468144.jp>]

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- **[UPDATE] Two Held, Racket In Human Trafficking Busted [India]:** The crime branch of the Lucknow police claimed to have busted a racket in human trafficking in the state capital on Monday night and arrested two of its kingpin. Operating through a wide network of agents spread across the country and neighbouring Nepal, the gang reportedly lured over 200 poor girls and boys and sold them in West Asian countries. These boys and girls have been sent to almost all the West Asian countries -- Riyadh in Saudi Arabia being the favoured destination. ... Poor girls and boys from Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai in the country and Gorakhpur, Bahraich and Gonda in the state have been sold by these traffickers in various West Asian countries, Chaturvedi said. They also admitted to have sent at least four girls from Lucknow to these countries. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/Two-held-racket-in-human-trafficking-busted/articleshow/6289962.cms>]
- **[UPDATE] Montenegro Charges 16 With Human Trafficking:** The State Prosecution Office said on Monday (August 9th) it has pressed charges against 16 people for involvement in human trafficking. The suspects are charged with trafficking women from Kosovo and Serbia and forcing them to become prostitutes. The suspects were arrested in February as part of a police operation targeting night clubs. [Date: 10 August 2010; Source: http://www.setimes.com/cocoon/setimes/xhtml/en_GB/newsbriefs/setimes/newsbriefs/2010/08/10/nb-06]
- **Owner Of Massage Center Arrested For Human Trafficking [Nepal]:** An owner of a massage center in Thamel has been arrested on the charge of involvement in flesh trade. One Mahendra Dhungana, who had been running a prostitution racket in the guise of a massage center in the tourist hub of the capital, was arrested on the basis of a complaint filed by a girl against him for exploiting her physically against her will. Police said they have slapped a case of human trafficking and flesh trade against Dhungana. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://www.nepalnews.com/main/index.php/news-archive/19-general/8275-owner-of-massage-center-arrested-for-human-trafficking.html>]
- **Woman Gets 20 Years For Human Trafficking [Philippines]:** A woman was meted an imprisonment of 20 years after she was found guilty of recruiting a 17-year-old girl and a lady for prostitution and sexual exploitation. Catherine (not her real name) was yesterday convicted by court for violating Republic Act 9208 or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003. She was also asked to pay P1 million as fine. ... The accused, an alleged pimp, allegedly recruited the victims for the purpose of prostitution to gain money. Catherine was spotted in barangay Kamagayan, Cebu City while engaging customers to avail of her clients' services. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://globalnation.inquirer.net/cebudailynews/metro/view/20100811-286137/Woman-gets-20-years-for-human-trafficking>]
- **Australian Court Finds Guilty People Smuggler Extradited From Indonesia:** The first person to be extradited from Indonesia to Australia to face people smuggling charges has been found guilty on two charges. Hadi Ahmadi was brought to Perth in June last year after the Indonesian President, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, approved his extradition. The 35-year-old stood trial over ten weeks, accused of helping to organise four boats of asylum seekers who travelled to Christmas Island between March and August, 2001. He was found guilty of helping organize two boats carrying more than 550 people, mainly from Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. Ahmadi, who's a dual Iraqi and Iranian citizen, was found not guilty of a third charge while the jury couldn't reach a verdict on a fourth. He faces a maximum 20 year jail term. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://australianetworknews.com/stories/201008/2980420.htm?desktop>]
- **Rugby World Cup 'Magnet For Sex Traffickers' [New Zealand]:** Sex traffickers will be targeting next year's Rugby World Cup as a business opportunity.... New Zealander Judy Boyle, who heads a global trafficking awareness campaign, said traffickers operated wherever there was a demand for their business. ... Her concern is being taken seriously by the New Zealand police.... The International Rugby Board's head of the Rugby World Cup, Kit McConnell, told a conference in Christchurch this week that the event next year would boost New Zealand's economy by \$1 billion and attract 85,000 visitors. New Zealand is a destination country for human trafficking from Malaysia, Hong Kong, China and other Asian countries for sexual exploitation. A multi-agency taskforce is developing a national plan of action to stop people trafficking in New Zealand. [Date: 11 August 2010; Source: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/4012708/Rugby-World-Cup-magnet-for-sex-traffickers>]

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