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IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND THB BORDERS AND PROFILING

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WHAT HAS CHANGED?



- ◆ **YESTERDAY'S PROFILES AND UNDERSTANDING OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION ARE NOT VALID TODAY**

- **TODAY'S PROFILES AND UNDERSTANDING OF IRREGULAR MIGRATION WILL NOT WORK TOMORROW**



MARKET SITUATION AND PULL FACTORS WITHIN THE EUROPE

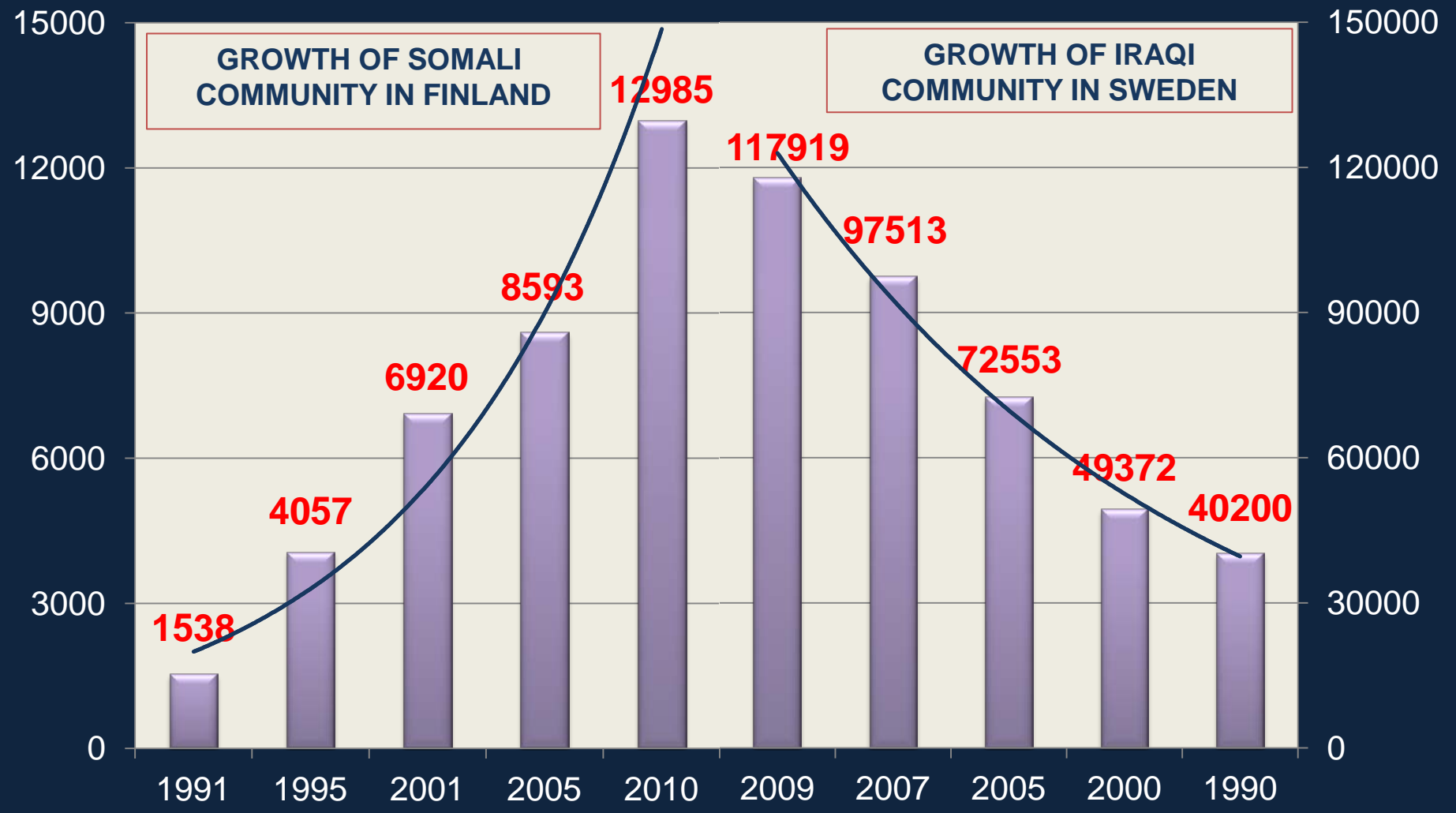


- ◆ **DEMAND FOR CHEAP LABOUR AS IN SHADOW ECONOMY BUT IN LEGAL ENTERPRISES AS WELL**
- **TIME BY TIME ANNOUNCED „MIGRATION AMNESTIES“ – CAMPAINS OF LEGALISATION OF STAY**
- **WELL ORGANISED AND STRUCTURED OCG’s INTERMEDIATING „JOB OFFERS“ AND/ OR „TRAVEL SERVICES“**
- **AVAILABILITY OF ETHNICAL IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN DESTINATION COUNTRIES**





DYNAMICS OF GROWTH OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN SWEDEN AND FINLAND IN PERIOD 1990-2010 (SELECTED NATIONALITIES)



DEFINING RISK PROFILES / CRITERIAS



- **NATIONALITY / REGION**
- **EDUCATION**
- **PARTICULAR LABOUR SKILLS**
- **RELATIVES AT HOME / IN EUROPE**
- **GENDER AND AGE**
- **REAL ESTATE / PROPERTY AT HOME**



WHY IT IS CHALLENGING TO DETECT WOULD BE VICTIMS OF THB AT THE BORDERS?



- **UNAWAWARENESS OF HIS/HER STATUS OR FURTHER DESTINY**
- **CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM TRAFFICERS (ALSO THREATS)**
- **LOOKING LIKE OTHER REGULAR/ORDINARY PASSANGER/ TRAVELLER**
- **GOOD INTELLIGENCE BY TRAFFICERS (i.e BRIEFINGS AND DEBRIEFINGS SYSTEM AT PLACE, SWITCHING ROUTES, MODUS, DOCUMENTS etc)**

**„EVEN FAILED ATTEMPT
IS/ CAN BE VALUABLE ASSET!“**



WHY IT IS CHALLENGING TO DETECT WOULD BE VICTIMS OF THB AT THE BORDERS?



- **TRAFFICKING NETWORKS ARE ADAPTED FOR QUICK „DEMAND AND CHANGE ON SITUATION“ OPERATIONAL MODEL**
- **CAUGHT AND DETECTED („SAVED“) BY LEA’S OR NGO’S ILLEGAL MIGRANT (ASYLUM SEEKER)**

**ACTUALLY MAY STILL EARN MONEY
FOR TRAFFICKING NETWORKS**



CHALLENGES OF THB INVESTIGATION AT THE BORDERS ?



- **WOULD BE VICTIMS DO NOT TALK OR STICK INTO PREVIOUSLY LEARNED LEGENDS / CHANGE OF PREVIOUSLY GIVEN STATEMENTS ETC.**
- **RISK MANAGEMENT BY TRAFFICKERS IS AT CONSIDERABLY HIGH LEVEL**
 - **NO CLEAR CONNECTION TO THEM**
 - **NOT ESCORTING „CLIENTS“ OR PARTICIPATION IN SMUGGLING PHASE**
- **WHILE LEA'S PUSHING ONWARDS TECHINT AND SIGINT THE TRAFFICERS RETURNING BACK TO THE HUMINT**



AHMAD'S STORY (2013 SWEDEN)



ROUTE: Land: Syria- Tripoli (LBN)

Sea: Mersin(TUR)

Land: Mersin-Istanbul (TUR)

Air: Istanbul-(TUR)-Amman(JOR)-Cairo(EGY)-Copenhagen(DNK)

Ahmad:

„I borrowed the money and bought a plane ticket from a smuggler. I flew **via Jordan and Egypt**, and finally arrived to Copenhagen.

It cost 11,000 dollars“ - <http://www.sydsvenskan.se/sverige/hans-flygbiljett-kostade-70-000/>

<http://www.sydsvenskan.se/sverige/syrier-tar-ny-rutt-till-europa/>

Traffickers have offered Ahmad to fly in the family butBut it would cost 11,000 dollars for his wife and 7000 for each of the children

in total 40 000 USD

Whole price ~70 000 USD







AHMADS STORY: LEGAL TRAVEL OPTIONS AND COSTS



ROUTE FROM SYRIA TO ISTANBUL
(LAND-SEA-LAND)

~ **200 EUR**
per capita

FLIGHT FROM ISTANBUL TO COPENHAGEN ~ **230-300 EUR**
per capita

 KL 1614 KLM	05:00 pm IST → CPH 10:55 pm Istanbul Copenhagen	6h 55m 1 stop	€ 231
 KL 1132 KLM	06:05 pm CPH → IST +1 12:45 am Copenhagen Istanbul	5h 40m 1 stop	
BravoFly €231 KLM €235 Tripsta €238 +5 more			Flight details select
Cheapest direct flight - total time saved: 6h 10m			
 PC 831 Pegasus Airlines	11:15 am SAW → CPH 01:35 pm Istanbul Copenhagen	3h 20m direct	€ 273
 PC 832 Pegasus Airlines	02:20 pm CPH → SAW 06:25 pm Copenhagen Istanbul	3h 05m direct	
BravoFly €273 Tripsta €274 travelpapa.com €277 +3 more			Flight details select

In normal circumstances and availability of valid visa all journey from Syria to Denmark (legal travel) would have cost for whole family in total

2500 EUR



WHERE GOES THE PROFIT FROM SMUGGLING OR THB ?



• **INDIVIDUAL ENRICHMENT**

• **NARCOTICS**



• **SUPPORTING WAR ACTIVITIES**



• **LABOUR AND SEX SLAVERY**



• **TERRORISM**



APPROACHES (USED TODAY) WILL LEAD TO „DEAD END“



- **STRENGTHENING OF BORDERS OR TRAINING OF LEA'S WILL NOT MAKE PROBLEM DISAPPEAR**

„prices for tobacco and cigarettes
is not the reason of smuggling-
BUT SMOKING IS „

- **STOP DELEGATING PROBLEMS TO THE BORDERS**

„**border is a barometer of success**
unfortunately too often also of failure
of state's migration, integration,
economic, social and fiskal policy“



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT ?



- MORE **POLITICAL** EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH
ROOT CAUSES
DIRECTLY IN SOURCE COUNTRIES
- MORE STRICT CONTROL OVER LABOUR MARKET
- TRACKING DOWN AND CLOSING ILLEGAL BUSINESSES
 - CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF MIGRATION, TAXATION (REVENUE), POLICE AUTHORITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES



WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT ?



- DETECTION AND CONFISCATION OF CRIMINAL ASSETS EARNED BY OCG'S
- „0“ TOLERANCE AND HEAVY PENALTIES AS FOR TRAFFICERS AS WELL FOR **INDIVIDUALS** **FACILITATING AND SUPPORTING** TRAFFICKING
- **PREVENTION** AND **AWARENESS**: APPLYING CLOSE TO COMMUNITY AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY APPROACH (INVOLVE [WHERE POSSIBLE] PRO ACTIVELY VICTIMS!)





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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