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Article in Brief

Yunnan gives a helping hand to trafficked women and children

http://www.yn.xinhuanet.com/newscenter/2008-12/24/content_15264221.htm

Xinhua News, 24 December 2008: Yunnan province will work at three levels – community, trafficking hotspots and inter-provincial cooperation – to establish and improve the trafficking prevention mechanism in order to reduce the crimes of trafficking in women and children. The recently published *Opinions on Implementing China's Plan of Action on Combating Trafficking in Women and Children (2008-2012)* also deal with trafficked women who are unwilling to return to their places of origin. The document stipulates local government agencies to include the women in their management of population and family planning. In addition, it requires setting up special files to follow up on the living conditions of rescued women and children, and coordinating relevant departments and organisations to solve problems faced by these women and children when they arise.

Three main culprits sentenced to death in the biggest trafficking case in Guiyan, Guizhou

<http://gb.cri.cn/18824/2008/12/17/3365s2364623.htm>

Xinhua News, 17 December 2008: The Intermediate People's Court of Guiyang city yesterday delivered its verdict on the biggest case of trafficking in women and children in recent years. Twenty nine defendants were sentenced. Of these defendants, the main defendant He Kaixun was sentenced to death while two others, Luo Qin and Wang Yongqing,

received death sentence with a two-year reprieve. Eighty nine women and children were trafficked from Guiyang city by the criminal syndicate between 2003 and July 2007. He Kaixun was involved in 24 cases and trafficked a total of 35 women and children, Luo Qin was involved in 21 cases and trafficked a total of 15 women, and Wang Yongqing was involved in 14 cases and trafficked a total of 23 women.

Japan depends on sex industry to support its economy, making 60 billion euros per annum

http://ent.icxo.com/htmlnews/2008/12/26/1328907_0.htm

Entertainment World, 26 December 2008: The flourishing of domestic sex industry in Japan has led to rampant trafficking in women from overseas. This phenomenon has been under the international spotlight for a long time and numerous researches and meetings have been conducted to address it. However, until now the Japanese government has not undertaken any practical or effective measures to combat trafficking. The Trafficking in Persons Report by the US State Department has condemned the Japanese government for not fully complying with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking. The government is considering reducing the 'entertainment visas' issued to citizens of the Philippines by 10 fold in order to intensify efforts to combat trafficking into the sex industry. Japanese government will reduce the number of entertainment visas issued per annum from the current 80,000 to 8,000 visas. At the same time, it will make the visa requirements more stringent.

Sex slavery: Living the American nightmare

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28161210/>

MSNBC, 22 December 2008: Federal officials agree that the trafficking of human beings as sex slaves is far more prevalent than is popularly understood. While saying it is difficult to pinpoint the scope of the industry, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials estimated that it likely generates more than \$9.5 billion a year.

Last year alone, the FBI opened more than 225 human trafficking investigations in the United States. Figures for 2008 are not yet available, but in a coordinated nationwide sweep in July, federal, state and local authorities made more than 640 arrests and rescued 47 children in just three days. While an increasing number of young men and boys are being forced into the commercial sex industry, more than 80 percent of victims are women and girls, the State Department estimated this year. Of those, 70 percent are forced into prostitution, stripping, pornography or mail-order marriage.

云南帮助被拐妇女儿童 为受害者建档跟踪解决困难

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新华网云南频道 2008年12月24日: 云南省将在社区、拐卖妇女儿童犯罪易发场所、省际合作等3个层面上, 构建和完善预防拐卖妇女儿童犯罪群防群治工作体系, 努力降低拐卖妇女儿童犯罪发生率。面对被拐卖妇女不愿回原住地的情况, 最近出台的《云南省贯彻中国反对拐卖妇女儿童行动计划(2008年~2012年)实施意见》也给出了具体的处理办法: 经有关部门同意其在现居住地生活的, 落实其婚育情况, 将其列入常住人口计生管理工作。此外, 建立专门档案, 跟踪了解被解救妇女儿童的生活状况, 必要时协调有关部门和组织解决其遇到的困难。

贵阳一犯罪团伙拐卖妇女儿童 3 名主犯被判死刑死缓

<http://gb.cri.cn/18824/2008/12/17/3365s2364623.htm>

新华网贵阳, 2008 年 12 月 17 日: 贵阳市中级人民法院日前对贵州省近年来最大一起拐卖妇女、儿童案进行了一审宣判, 29 名被告人领刑, 其中主犯何开勋犯拐卖妇女、儿童罪, 被判处死刑; 主犯罗琴、王永庆犯拐卖妇女罪, 被判处死刑, 缓期两年执行。2003 年至 2007 年 7 月, 该犯罪团伙先后在贵阳市拐卖妇女、儿童达 89 人, 包括 88 名妇女和 1 名儿童。其中主犯何开勋拐卖妇女、儿童 24 起 35 人; 主犯罗琴拐卖妇女 15 起 21 人; 主犯王永庆拐卖妇女 14 起 23 人。

日本靠色情业支撑经济 年进账超六百亿欧元

http://ent.icxo.com/htmlnews/2008/12/26/1328907_0.htm

世界娱乐报道, 2008 年 12 月 26 日: 日本国内色情行业的兴旺发达导致了国际妇女贩卖活动的猖獗, 这一现象早已被国际社会关注, 并为此曾召开无数次的调研会议, 但是日本政府对此一直没有采取切实有效的打击措施。美国国务院曾在一份报告中谴责日本对人口走私打击不力, 并将日本列入受关注对象。日本政府开始考虑“十倍缩减”菲律宾公民入境“娱乐签证”的发放数量, 借此加大打击性服务人口走私的力度。据日本共同社透露, 日本政府将由原先每年分配给菲律宾的 8 万个娱乐签证缩减至 8000 份, 此外还将对申请“娱乐签证”者提出更为严格的资格要求。

性奴役: 美国噩梦

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28161210/>

微软全国广播公司, 2008 年 12 月 22 日: 联邦官员表示以性奴役为目的拐卖人口发生的现象超出了一般人的想象。虽然很难确切知道色情行业的范围, 移民和海关执法官员估计色情行业的年收入 95 亿元多美金。

仅在去年一年当中, 联邦调查局在美国立案侦查的拐卖人口案件达 225 起。目前虽无 2008 年的统计数据, 但根据今年的全国性清查, 联邦、州、地方政府在三天内逮捕了 640 多人并且解救了 47 名儿童。虽然越来越多的年轻男子和男孩被迫在色情行业里工作, 美国国务院估计超过百分之八十的受害者是妇女和女孩。在这些受害者之中, 百分之七十被迫从事卖淫、脱衣舞、色情活动或买卖婚姻。

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