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Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security publishes employment trends – number of hiring companies has reduced by 20%

http://www.nmpx.gov.cn/zonghexinwen/biaotixinwen/t20090213_64138.htm

Beijing Times, 13 February 2009: According to the *Report on Employment Trends for Rural Workers after Spring Festival 2009*, published by Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, 64.5% of domestic companies plan to hire new staff after Chinese Spring Festival. However, these companies plan to hire 20% less staff than the same period in 2008 and the number of vacancies has also reduced by 10%. To date, nationwide there are more than 130 million rural workers who seek work away from their home towns. Due to the global financial crisis and other factors, the number of returned rural workers who have left their jobs has increased. On account of the workers who are temporarily out of work, as well as the growth in rural workforce, it is expected that more than 20 million rural workers will need to find new employment after the Spring Festival.

United Nations publishes a *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2009-02/13/content_10812428.htm

Xinhua Net, 13 February 2009: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) published a *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons* on 12 February. The Report urges countries to further combat the crimes of trafficking in persons. Based on data gathered from 155 countries, it offers the first global assessment of the scope of human trafficking and what is being done to fight it. The Report shows that in the past few years the number of Member

States seriously implementing the UN Protocol against Trafficking in Persons Protocol has increased. However, there are still many countries that lack the necessary legal instruments or political will. According to the Report, the most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation. The victims of sexual exploitation are predominantly women and girls. The second most common form of human trafficking is forced labour (18%).

UN: Children at the receiving end

<http://southasia.oneworld.net/todaysheadlines/women-as-traffickers-when-a-victim-turns-a-victimiser>

OneWorld, 13 February 2009: According to the *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*, nearly 20% of all trafficking victims were children. But in some parts of Africa and South-East Asia, "children are the majority," being forced to sew luxury goods, pick cocoa or beg. They were also the victims of sexual exploitation and enslaved in war zones.

"Boys who learn to kill before they can read, girls coerced into sex slavery before they become women", Executive Director of UNODC Antonio Maria Costa said. "The exploitation of children is the most dramatic aspect of a crime that shames us all."

UN: Women make up the largest proportion of human traffickers globally

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2009-02/14/content_10818303.htm

Xinhua Net, 14 February 2009: According to the *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*, globally, the majority of the perpetrators of human trafficking are women. In nearly one third of the countries which provided information on the gender of traffickers, women make up the largest proportion of traffickers. In Eastern Europe and the Central Asia, females account for more than 60% of convictions for trafficking in persons. The Executive Director of UNODC Antonio Maria Costa said that "in many cases, former victims become traffickers". The number of victims will continue to increase following the worsening the global financial crisis.

South East Asia has become a disaster zone for trafficking in persons

<http://news.sina.com.cn/o/2009-02-14/040815159950s.shtml>

Guangzhou Daily, 14 February 2009: Asia-Pacific region, in particular the Greater Mekong region has become a disaster zone for trafficking in persons, said Mr. Gary Lewis, Representative for UNODC Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific, in Bangkok. At the launch of the *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons*, Mr Lewis said that East Asian countries are highlighted in the report as a major source for long-distance, trans-regional trafficking. Mainly East Asian victims were found in Australia, Japan and Malaysia. In addition, trends indicating an increase in the number of trafficking and related offences were detected in such Greater Mekong region countries as Cambodia, Thailand and Viet Nam.

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京华时报, 13 February 2009: 人力资源和社会保障部公布的“2009年春节后农民工就业形势”显示,今年国内有64.5%的企业春节后有招工计划,但计划招工企业的数量与去年相比减少了20%,空岗数量也减少了10%。目前我国农村外出就业的农民工已超过1.3亿人。由于金融危机等因素影响,今年返乡农民工中因各种原因已离开原工作企

业的人数有所增加。考虑到部分返乡农民工暂时失去工作，加上农村部分新成长劳动力，节后需要新就业的农村劳动力在 2000 万人以上。

联合国发布《全球人口贩卖报告》

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2009-02/13/content_10812428.htm

新华网, 2009 年 02 月 13 日: 联合国毒品和犯罪问题办公室 12 日发布《全球人口贩卖报告》，敦促各国进一步加大打击人口贩卖犯罪活动的力度。这份报告根据从 155 个国家收集的数据，首次对全球人口贩卖犯罪活动的规模和相关打击措施进行了评估。报告指出，越来越多的国家正在认真执行有关打击人口贩卖的国际协议，但还有许多国家，缺乏必要的法律工具或缺乏这样做的意愿。报告显示，最常见的人口贩卖形式是性剥削，占人口贩卖活动的 79%，受害者大多数为女性。第二类最常见的人口贩卖形式是强迫劳动，占总数的 18%。

联合国报告：儿童是受害者

<http://southasia.oneworld.net/todaysheadlines/women-as-traffickers-when-a-victim-turns-a-victimiser>

一个世界网, 2009 年 02 月 13 日: 联合国日前发表的《全球人口贩运报告》表明，将近 20% 的拐卖受害者为儿童，但在非洲和东南亚的部分地区，受害者多为儿童，他（她）们被迫缝制奢侈品、采收可可豆或乞讨。他（她）们也是的性剥削和战区奴役的受害者。联合国毒品和犯罪问题办公室负责人玛丽亚·科斯塔说：“男孩不会读书先学会了打杀，女孩在成年之前就被迫成为性奴隶。剥削儿童是人口拐卖犯罪中最引人注目的方面，令所有人震惊蒙羞。”

联合国调查发现：全球人口贩子多为女性

http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2009-02/14/content_10818303.htm

新华网, 2009 年 02 月 14 日: 联合国日前发表的《全球人口贩卖报告》表明，全球人口拐卖案件的幕后罪犯多为女性。在其中近三分之一的国家里，参与拐卖人口的罪犯多数为女性。在东欧和中亚地区，女性罪犯所占比例超过了案犯总数的 60%。“女性对同性实施犯罪，在许多情况下受害者随后也会变为罪犯，” 位于维也纳的联合国毒品和犯罪问题办公室负责人玛丽亚·科斯塔表示。科斯塔说，随着全球金融危机进一步恶化，受害人数还将增加。

东南亚地区已成贩卖人口重灾区

<http://news.sina.com.cn/o/2009-02-14/040815159950s.shtml>

大洋网-广州日报, 2009 年 02 月 14 日: 联合国毒品和犯罪问题办公室驻亚太地区代表加里·刘易斯 13 日在曼谷表示，亚太地区、尤其是大湄公河流域已成贩卖人口犯罪的重灾区。刘易斯在《全球人口贩卖报告》的发布会上表示，东亚国家是长途、跨地区贩卖人口的主要来源地。在澳大利亚、日本和马来西亚发现的被贩卖人口多来自东亚国家。而在大湄公河流域的柬埔寨、泰国、越南等国家，贩卖人口数量及相关犯罪有增加的趋势。

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