

Measures taken by pre-trial investigation bodies under martial law are aimed at ensuring law and order and the safety of citizens, as well as at bringing to justice persons who have committed crimes.

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FIGHTING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS IN UKRAINE

Human trafficking was first recognized as a global problem in the twentieth century. At that time, it became necessary to develop systematic approaches to combat this phenomenon. A number of important international instruments to combat labor trafficking were adopted in the first half of the twentieth century.

Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation [3]. This is the definition of human trafficking provided by the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, which supplements the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

Today, under martial law, the risk of falling into a situation of human trafficking both inside and outside the country has become even greater for Ukrainians. Many citizens have moved from the war zone to other regions or abroad and are looking for new jobs. While the term "human trafficking" used to cover mostly sexual slavery, today it has taken on a wide range of forms, from labor exploitation to illegal organ transplantation.

In order to draw public attention to the problem of human rights violations, which is currently relevant for every country in the world, the United Nations General Assembly launched the annual commemoration of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30 in 2013.

Annually, on October 18, Ukraine marks the European Day Against Trafficking in Human Beings, which is intended to once again remind us of the need to consolidate the efforts of state and local authorities to raise awareness of the phenomenon of human trafficking and public concern about this phenomenon.

The government approved the Concept of the State Targeted Social Program for Combating Human Trafficking for the period up to 2025 and developed a draft State Targeted Social Program for Combating Human Trafficking for the period up to 2025.

Under martial law, the Ministry of Social Policy continues to provide financial assistance to victims of human trafficking in accordance with the Procedure for the Payment of One-time Financial Assistance to Victims of Human Trafficking. In Ukraine, state support is provided to victims of human trafficking, including social, medical, legal, educational, and financial support. A person should apply for such assistance to the nearest local state administration at their place of residence.

In addition, victims of human trafficking can receive assistance through a network of non-governmental organizations operating throughout Ukraine. Since the beginning of Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine, the Administration of the State Border Guard Service, together with representatives of other interested ministries and agencies, has been working on amendments to the Rules for Crossing the State Border by Citizens of Ukraine, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on January 27, 1995, №57. These amendments regulate the issue of travelling outside Ukraine, including for the most socially vulnerable categories of citizens, during the period of a state of emergency or martial law in Ukraine.

The operational and search units of the State Border Guard Service are also actively working to combat human trafficking in close cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. In 2022, border guards shut down 3 illegal groups consisting of 11 people. One organizer was detained, and the courts handed down 4 guilty verdicts against 4 people, 2 of whom received actual prison terms. According to the statistic, 4 criminal proceedings were initiated under Article 149 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine "Trafficking in

Human Beings", and the trafficking of 4 potential victims of human trafficking abroad was prevented.

In order to prevent such situations, measures are constantly taken to familiarize the population with the opportunities and threats. The subjects of such actions are always either international organizations, such as the OSCE, the UN, and others, or Ukrainian authorities or individual scholars.

Ukraine is making a lot of efforts to combat human trafficking; the Law of Ukraine "On Combating Human Trafficking" was adopted, and the National Mechanism for Interaction of Entities Engaged in Combating Human Trafficking was implemented. Despite the statistics, the real scale of human trafficking in Ukraine is much higher, given the rather high level of latency of these crimes. Most victims do not have information and do not seek help.

Overall, the Government of Ukraine does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. These efforts included investigating more suspected traffickers, allocating significantly more money to the national budget for anti-trafficking measures, and improving access to identification documentation and official registration for vulnerable populations.

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