

**Human Trafficking is Contemporary Form of Abuse in Pakistan  
(A Survey Study of Irregular Immigrants to Europe from District  
Bahawalpur)**

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**Abstract**

*Human trafficking is frequently attributed to factors like poverty, globalization, and economic inequalities between nations. Slavery's modern equivalent is human trafficking. The fight against human trafficking may be effectively carried out through international law. The UN Convention against International controlled crime is one of most respected and contemporary pieces of international legislation that has paved the way for how to identify, stop, and prosecute human trafficking. Pakistan has been mentioned as a significant cause, transition and terminus state for human trafficking and smuggling of the migrants, indicating a major sector and associated criminal economy. The current study focuses on examining how irregular migration from district Bahawalpur Pakistan, to Europe in specific, and to other EU member countries overall, is being assisted and coordinated via agents and social networks. Since Pakistan is reportedly one of the top ten nations which associated in illegal immigration to EU in contemporary years, irregular emigration become a substantial problem for Pakistan. Pakistan is regarded a transit country for migrant groups travelling from different South Asian nations to places like Iran, Turkey, Greece, Central Europe, and Western Europe. This paper also considers three aspects of immigrants and their family's ambitions towards illegal immigration. Primary, money transactions are seen as an extensive family welfare source. Their primary concern are giving their Pakistani families a good lifestyle. Second, after spending more time in Europe and being financially secure, many have strong desires to move back permanently to Pakistan. Third, some migrants have expressed a wish to get official documentation. The current paper makes recommendations for more scholarly investigation to increase methodological and theoretical understanding of illegal immigration or agent links in the perspective of Pakistan to European States.*

**Key Words**

Illegal Immigration, Combating, Europe, Sex Trade, Children Trafficking, Globalization, Pakistan, Punjab, Bahawalpur, Dunkey, Human Trafficking, FIA, Smuggling.

**1 INTRODUCTION**

This Human trafficking, otherwise known as modern slavery now a days, which comprises the power, fraud, & coercion to attain some kind of employment and profitable sex actions against the will of the person who is being trafficked.

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Traffickers may use ferocity, influence, and false promises to giving reasonable jobs to trap the targets to being trafficked. Pakistan is now taking some significant measure against these international crimes, as well as the proclamation. National law making agency, (PATCHO) also establish in 2003, for the protection of human trafficking. Which work under the dominion of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) equally.<sup>1</sup>

Human trading has been appreciated as one of the major encounters faced by nations in this contemporary phase. Trafficking of human beings unlawfully into a country or internationally has increased in recent years which is progressively related with severe human rights defilements and deaths, in specific when it transpires by sea. The damage of immigrant's lives by the hands of smugglers particularly in the Mediterranean Sea is a severe cue of the prerequisite to confrontation migrant smuggling by using all the lawful, operative, and governmental powers obtainable. Unfortunately Pakistan become a victim of irregular immigrants and become the world's foremost nation state from where irregular immigrants move overseas through diverse linkages and with irregular methods.

## **2 BACKGROUND OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATION AS OF PAKISTAN TOWARDS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

Unfortunately Pakistan become a major victim for irregular immigration towards European States, Pakistani or other ethnicities especially Afghans withdrawal from Pakistan towards Iran. The most well-known tracks of irregular Immigration carrying overall are by means of land to Pakistan, to Iran, Oman, United Arab Emirates and Pakistan, to Turkey, Italy, France, Germany, Denmark and Greece. One relevant issue for Pakistan with respect to irregular Immigration is that it is additionally utilized as a travel country for Afghans being pirated towards Europe. Pakistan is host to an expected 01.7 million enrolled Afghan outcasts, anyhow which the NARA measures 03.38 billion illegal immigration in Pakistan, of which an expected 02.4 million are Afghan and 01.4 million are Bangladeshi. That one additionally has predetermined number of different identities like, Iraqis, Somalis and stateless people Bengali, & Bihari.

As matter of fact that there is no accurate & exact information, it ought to be noticed on irregular Immigrants from Pakistan to European States. What is convenient or restricted and not be taken as entirely complete visions accessible on for instance, interventions at the border or returns, should have to be perceived with regards to the way that Pakistan's boundaries are open and dangerous, during the writings, confidential and obtainable interviews, which in fact highlighted that in huge quantities of people might have crossed or possibly a specific number might have deported to Pakistan from Europe. Besides, the conflation or the observations of migratory trafficking and transferring in human beings both in acceptable realities as well as among policy makers and experts further confuses the distress in reality of data on trafficking crimes.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Sarfraz Khan, Case Study of Irregular Migration from Pakistan to Europe. 2020. P. 27.

To be sure, Pakistani higher officials and law enforcement agencies are in a big confusion regarding the matter of irregular immigration and illegal exploitation. This is concluded on by the field research, just as past research on the subject. There is no legal explanation of transition as an overt crime in Pakistan. Trafficking is managed and suspects underneath various mixed legalized instruments.<sup>2</sup> Prominently, the Emigration Ordinance of 1979 EO is the essential enactment important as far as managing and accusing irregular immigration. On the off chance that an individual is recognized leaving Pakistan unpredictably, either utilizing carrying networks or not, or a smuggler is illustrious, they would be indicted basically under this enactment. As dealing with people and immigrant transition are frequently merged by legislation, the Prevention and Control of human trafficking ordinance PACHTO of 2002 is likewise important as it explains the meaning of dealing and understanding discipline border. These strategies and others will be additionally portrayed in the section on strategy responds.

An enormous extent of unpredictable Pakistani Immigrants (40%, as indicated by the 2011 base line study) have utilized transient carrying tasks to cross boundaries. This is likewise upheld by information given through the Pakistani FIA showing that most of refugees to Pakistan have utilized illicit courses instead of legitimate ways out. Beside the authority border posts among Afghanistan and Pakistan and Iran and Pakistan, notwithstanding, there are likewise Pakistan's border posts at customary stretches along the Pakistan's boundary, worked by the Federal Investigation Agency. During the journey some issues identified with basic liberties breach and illegal exploitation would then be able to arise. Around numerous recorded illustrations of Pakistan's illegal immigration turning out to be genuinely harmed or biting the dust in compartments or fridge trucks from suffocation, in car crashes, for example transports or trucks loaded with smugglers collapsing, via landmines.

Because of the permeability of the border and absence of precise information assortment, it is very hard to assess the number of individuals arrive and dispensation, and the number of these are doing as such unpredictably or potentially with the utilization of irregular Immigration organizations. For Pakistan, the super official entertainer commanded forestall or resolve issues identified with irregular Immigration overall and migrant transition specifically is the FIA of Pakistan, which is government law requisite association of a country. Established in 1974 by the federal investigation agency act under the ministry of interior, its immigration and anti-human smuggling wing IAHSW, centers on the guide border of these issues.

Beside the federal investigation agency, there are different organizations which, while not explicitly commanded to address immigrants trafficking, are significant partners recognized by interviews comparable to border control and Irregular movement. The FC and Baluchistan imposes soldier powers watch the green land border between border posts. The coast guard watches the blue oceanic

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<sup>2</sup> European Commission, DG Migration & Home Affairs Study on smuggling of migrants Characteristics, responses and cooperation with third countries, Case Study 3: Pakistan – Turkey – Greece. P. (12-16).

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boundaries. Neighborhood law implementation is likewise viewed as a significant partner, as they could be associated with terms of capture and indictment inside the country. Though the ministry of overseas Pakistanis and human resource development MOPHRD isn't commanded to manage illegal migration concerns, it can in any case be considered applicable as it directs legitimate irregular immigration towards any country.<sup>3</sup>

### **3 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

Problem statements mainly focused on research questions. Are the Pakistani laws enough to combat with human Trafficking & illegal immigration from Pakistan? By reviewing international laws & regulations for the prevention of Human Trafficking, this research measures, whether Pakistan can raise the standard for the prevention of human trafficking at national level, and what tools and method will be used to match the international standard that are being used for prevention of human trafficking in many other countries. The paper investigates these questions to measure the problem statements. This paper highlights the role of agents who are organizing this illegal crime of immigration from the District Bahawalpur, Punjab, Pakistan, mainly to the European Countries and also to the other European member states. Illegal immigration become a major issue in Pakistan now a days and Pakistan has been nominated in the list of top ten countries who are involved in the illegal crime of immigration to the European countries in past few years.<sup>4</sup>

In this paper I have highlighted the illegal procedure for immigration that is pre-arranged and pre planned by the agent for the Immigrants which belong to the small towns of the Bahawalpur state. According to International organization of Migration 2020, an annual report was published in 2018-2020 that 79% of immigrants left Pakistan for Greece and out of these 46% are from South Punjab region. The study has find out the three main routes that are being used for illegal immigration to European countries. In first route some main cities of Pakistan such as Bahawalpur, to Rahimyar Khan, Karachi, and Lahore are the entrance points for Istanbul. The second way encompasses for Europe via Iran to Istanbul & Greece. This is the most dangerous paths due to its severe weather. Greek become the foremost route of illegal immigrants from Pakistan to Europe.<sup>5</sup>

### **4 RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

1. What is the link between trafficking or smuggling in human and what are the different patterns of irregular immigration in Pakistan?

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<sup>3</sup> Castles et al., *Irregular Migration: Causes, Patterns, and Strategies*, P. (122). (2009).

<sup>4</sup> Elżbieta M. Goździak, PH.D. And Micah N. Bump, M.A. *Data and Research on Human Trafficking: Bibliography of Research-Based Literature*, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, (46).

<sup>5</sup> Nicola, Smith, 'Donkey Flights', *Illegal Immigration from Punjab to the United Kingdom*. Washington: Migration Policy Institute P. (13). (2014).

2. What are the motives behind the immense human trafficking and irregular immigration and which routes are used by the traffickers for illegal immigrations from district Bahawalpur Pakistan to European Countries?
3. What role does FIA & other law enforcement agencies are playing for the prevention of human trafficking as well as irregular immigration from district Bahawalpur to Europe?

## **5 HYPOTHESES**

After analyzing the present research, the resulting hypothesis is created that Pakistani Government and other Law Enforcement Agencies, Like Federal Investigation Agency, (FIA), (PATCHO), Bureau Immigration and many other agencies are trying to stop this severe crime of human trafficking & irregular immigration. After doing some deep research, I have created the hypothesis that, Pakistani law enforcement agencies are trying to control this severe crime of illegal immigration and human trafficking, but all in vain, because they are also controlled and dominated under some corrupted high officials which are indirectly involve in this severe crime and this misperception become a matter of dishonor and humiliation for the law enforcement agencies in Pakistan.

## **6 OBJECTIVES OF STUDY**

1. To extent the measure of the human trafficking and irregular immigrants to Europe from district Bahawalpur.
2. To highlight about the work & development of FIA & other law enforcement agencies regarding prevention of human trafficking issues.
3. To determine the loop holes in the contemporary legal regime and response of FIA & other Law enforcement agencies regarding to illegal immigrations to the Europe Countries.
4. To highlight the official framework for the Prevention of illegal immigration from Pakistan.

## **7 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

In this paper, I have used mixed research methodology that includes both qualitative and quantitative. Where qualitative research methodology is one of the most used research for in the humanities field. In qualitative research methodology I have taken secondary data from several literary and research sources that includes but not limited to journals, peer reviewed articles, scholarly writings, books and case studies. There was a limitation in the availability of the secondary literature due to the sensitivity of the issue, as less research is conducted on the said topic. There are several classified and confidential documents and writings, which I was unable to access which serves as a limitation to my collected data. Quantitative Method is adopted for drafting a Questionnaire and for narrow down

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the area of my topic from general to specific. I have select the sample population area for conducting field survey from which I can easily collect the data for the research paper.<sup>6</sup>

### **7.1 Official Mechanism for the Prevention of Illegal Immigration from Pakistan**

Pakistan acquired the pioneer police department framework like special police establishment later changed into Pakistan special police establishment PSPE after independence. Through passage of time, this police framework given different obligations towards check various violations in 1976, later which transformed into FIA force, specially established to manage various issues identified with human Transition. FIA worked below the government services, and it isolated into numerous extensions to perform various errands, like, hostile to illegal exploitation and sneaking unit is dependable to keep up with information of deportees. In addition, FIA doesn't just work in Pakistan however it has additionally settled some worldwide movement contact workplaces in various nations.<sup>7</sup>

Though, it further used for collect exact information of irregular migrants excluding accessibility approximately distributed figures issued by FIA, state or worldwide mass media, free investigation clusters, global groups, extradition archives of horde republics, etc. As showed by The Associated Press of Pakistan, (APP), 2018, 1725 illegal Pakistani Immigrants were banished from the EU. Keeping in interpretation the previously mentioned problems, FIA went to a few measurements to collect statistics in regards to human trafficking. Issuance of most wanted document introduce around in 2007-2008 is a significant advance engaged through Federal investigation agency for battle the subject of unlawful migration or transition or trafficking it contains most wanted human agents or smugglers, aired guilty parties or court defaulters engaged with illicit migration.<sup>8</sup>

### **7.2 Recommendations for Prevention of Irregular Immigrations in Bahawalpur, Pakistan**

This paper showed the extremely clear reality of each government in responding to emergencies and natural disasters. Humanitarian border management in response to disasters and emergencies requires a proactive approach, and proposals are being made for interagency and cross-border emergencies. The reporting department or agency sets up a rapid response team to prepare for emergencies at the border. The team includes information-rich officers.

UN agencies can conduct advanced assessments, provide operational briefing or recommendations to career officers, and make recommendations to headquarters

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<sup>6</sup> Patricia Leavy, 2017, Research Design, Quantitative, Qualitative, Mixed Methods, Arts-Based, and Community-Based Participatory Research Approaches, The Guilford Press. P. (165).

<sup>7</sup> IOM, Pakistan Migration Snapshot, Thailand. P. (13). (2019).

<sup>8</sup> FIA, the Red Book of Most Wanted Human Smugglers & Traffickers. Islamabad: Federal Investigation Agency. P. (139). (2019B).

for risk analysis. Groups should ideally be interagency, otherwise at least working together at home. This can be facilitated by daily joint exercise. Responsible departments in each country in the Silk Road region review the agreements and protocols of global organizations that must be signed and approved in order to comply with international standards. They do not officially adopt, but should consider taking steps to sign and formalize the situation of those who do not need it, especially refugees and precarious people, and therefore anti-trafficking protocols and those involved in human trafficking. The Administration of Pakistan Ought Consider or Use the Following Ratifications;

1. Develop a national migration policy that includes minimum labor rights standards and the comprehensive vision and approach of the Pakistani government against illegal migration.
2. Develops the following policy for the National Archives NARA, including strengthening amnesty provisions for registrants after registering illegal immigrants.
3. NARA, Training in the trafficking or transition of immigrants must include in the FIA Academy curriculum and provided prior to taking office by all officers.
4. Undeveloped or progressive preparation in ideas associated to human trafficking or transition of Illegal immigrants are obligatory. It focuses on education in areas of illegal
5. Create additional anti human trafficking cell offices within the Federal investigation agency, and produce subsidiaries in sections to cover a larger geographic area.
6. Contemporary jurisdiction of Trafficking in Persons and Controls Ordinance (PACHTO) of 2002 is granted to national and local law enforcement agencies.
7. A separate law or regulation defines and criminalizes migrant Transition.
8. Prosecution of traffickers, migrant's smugglers, agents, brokers and transporters who are not smuggled illegal immigrants or victims of human trafficking. Prosecute family members who allow trafficking in children or smuggling children. Increased burden on law enforcement agencies to prosecute criminals.
9. Try to create human rights-based integrated services for victims of human trafficking.
10. These establishments will advance law enforcement recital by providing technical assistance, partnerships and supportive community engagement.
11. By promoting the info for exposing myth or deceptions related to illegal immigration. This is made possible by providing resources in Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi and other local languages to engage public influential, city

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associations or apprentice populaces in zones of potential illegal immigration.

12. Federal investigation Agency must promote community attentiveness about human transition or trafficking, especially among important authorities.
13. Amend the Trafficking Prevention and Eradication Rule (TPER) which clarify Human Transition separated from migratory trafficking.
14. Anti-Trafficking Centers in Pakistan must implement a standardized data collection system.

## **8 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH**

*Here I identify five specific areas for further study of migration related to future policy work.*

First, existing data such as census and household census allow further work on immigration issues. It may also be useful to use other sources of census and secondary data, along with more basic quantitative and qualitative data on specific migration issues. For example, according to the census, about a quarter of Pakistan's history of immigration is women who migrated for marriage. This requires more work with both quantitative and qualitative data. Another area where existing data can be used more effectively is the correlation between migration and ethnicity.

Second, there are problem areas where, by meaning, reliable data is difficult to find. These areas are often the subject of hypothetical and historic reporting, making it much more difficult to develop a coherent policy response. Investigating human trafficking in a general social, economic, and political context will help you move forward.

Third, a more detailed research of the role of the labor market in general, particularly the labor market and migration, as a negotiator of economic growth and poverty reduction is needed. Labor market segmentation and related social segmentation of illegal immigration patterns are likely to provide useful research tools.

Fourth, the relationship between illegal immigration and conflict is an area that has been neglected in social studies even though the relationship has been widely accepted at a more popular level. Although refugee support organizations are paying attention to conflict migration, they lack a systematic understanding of conflict immigration, especially the relationship between immigrants and non-migrants. The political sustainability of various types of illegal migration, including international migration to Pakistan and internal migration to Pakistan, depends primarily on the relationship between immigrants and non-immigrant communities.

Fifth, systematic studies on the lives, livelihoods, societies, and illegal migrations of historically consigned communities are barely showed. Some of these communities are known as settle down communities with migrants, immigrants



and travelers. Interdisciplinary studies of these communities in different parts of Pakistan, e.g. The downstream castes of central Punjab, Batu and other castes of southern Punjab and Sindh, and several semi-nomadic and pastoral tribes and communities and other areas of NWFP Baluchistan in the future can be very important for immigration policy and social policy in general.

Gather data for target group of Bahawalpur State division by testing correlations between different motives and socio-demographic profiles. The comparative inspiration of male and female house associates should identified over advance study, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) strategy components or final assessment. More data are needed for future studies of individual-level decision-making regarding access to illegal migration and smuggling networks in the Pakistani context. Further research is needed on the extent of this misunderstanding or confusion among possible illegal immigrants. Dialogue with local cabinets emphasizes the importance of high-level local accountability for the performance and accountability of the board of audit and inspection. Based on this interest, develop appropriate programs to help fill the resource gap.

## 9 CONCLUSION

Pakistani immigrants are typically youngsters, man, illiterate, or they belongs to poor backgrounds. Persons who are migrated to European countries remained bachelor. Persons of lower earnings stratum cannot have enough money to bear the expensive journey to the Europe, and they used the method of irregular travel. For example, through fake IDs or air journey. Additional variances amongst impending immigrants to be retained in concentration might be rural v/s urban coming immigrants, persons deprived of internet facilities, lack of education, and first-time immigrants vs. expert immigrants. Financial opportunities are the major reason for immigration from Pakistan to Europe. Illegal immigration might be substance, fiscally by way of expenses might be recovered in limited years reliant off existing price of trafficking or extra illegal services. Some trafficker's make-believed, they are contribution systematic immigration networks to European countries, whereas others are exposed roughly because of covert nature of their amenities. Immigrants their families or relatives had been revealed of place countless caution given by smugglers or traffickers, however they organize under tough circumstances with info irregularity and struggle in settling positions. The present paper argued about social setting in community effect upon candidate immigrants from towns of Bahawalpur, to pledgee practices like Irregular immigration towards Europe, or European Union associate Countries. The study shows that immigrants practice ancestral or societal relations in international links of congregation culture for pursuing exertion or residence. Though, these societal linkages didn't compassionate but in some areas manipulative as fine. Likewise the significances of the current research also discovered that all immigrants are not driven by means of economic purposes, in exceptional cases people acquired immigration as to discover fresh biosphere, standardize particular restraint, and guard youngsters those have clashes in inherent communal. Major sub-theme is acknowledged for intents to returned Pakistan. Interviewee were excitedly not permit their son that they forever settle in European states. Though, fascinatingly but not excited for their son instantly back to Bahawalpur Pakistan. In the point of interviewee, they prefer Europe to stopover for lasting to enhance their lives. In

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conclusion, in the perspective of Pakistan's village culture, part of mediators in simplifying irregular immigration not a facilitation towards assist agility crossways border it is complicatedly deep-seated in societal fabric although in case of support towards illegal immigration as a choice making. It forms societal contact and offers simple info regarding procedures of irregular immigration though creating a reliable linkage of immigrants who have an alike travelling familiarity.

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