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The Spanish Police find new links between terrorism and organized crime

Trafficking of women and drug

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Police have found evidence of the relationship between human trafficking and international terrorism. For the Government of Spain, the fight against trafficking in women is an important priority.

The fight against illegal trafficking of women for prostitution is one of the fronts opened by all European countries, pursuing the extended networks by organized crime across the continent. Now, the Spanish police have found evidence of the link between trafficking of women and international terrorism, which is funded with money from organized prostitution. This was revealed by the Secretary of State for Security of the Spanish Government, Francisco Martinez, who said "we have no doubt that these relationships" exist and "contribute to the financing of terrorism", which have become a priority line research for the Spanish Police.

One of the departments that has been implicated in this fight is the new Intelligence Center on Terrorism and Organized Crime, created by the Spanish Government in October 2014 for "the development of strategic criminal intelligence, establishing performance criteria (...) and designing global strategies to combat these phenomena". In Spain, at least 20% of those imprisoned for their alleged membership of jihadi organizations between 2005 and 2011 had previously been in prison for other crimes. The Spanish Interior Ministry also highlights the flexibility and dynamism of modern criminal organizations that are able to adapt to changes and hinder the preventive work of the security forces.

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