



**Project «Preventing human trafficking and sham marriage: a multidisciplinary solution»**

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# Sham marriage as one of the forms of the human trafficking

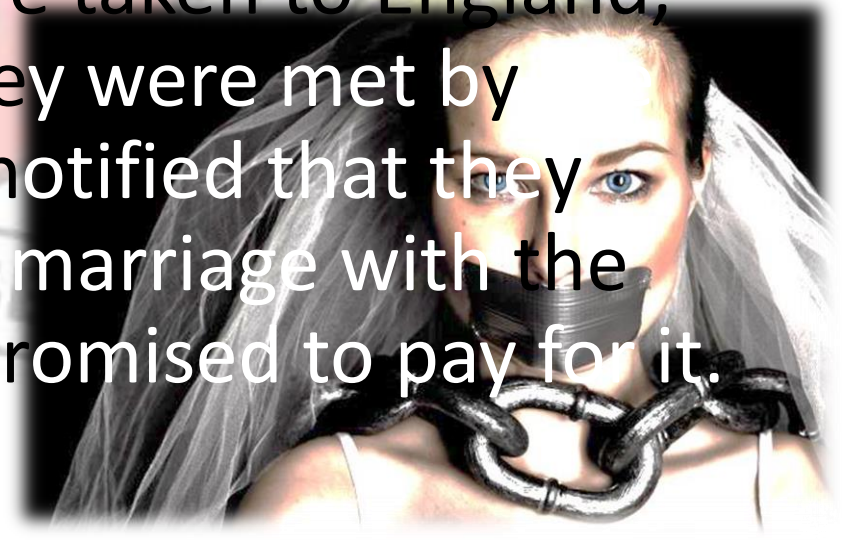
- The criminal case, in which 5 persons (4 citizens of the Republic of Latvia, 1 citizen of Pakistan) are accused for human trafficking. They were recruiting women in Latvia for sham marriage in Ireland, England and Cyprus.
- The form and methods of the recruiting.
- Victims – young females with diagnosed mild or moderate intellectual disability.



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- The criminal offence is committed by the organized group, which was operating in the territory of Latvia, Ireland, England and Cyprus.
- To women recruited in Latvia were promised that upon arrival to England, Ireland or Cyprus they will be provided with a well-paid job, dwelling, mobile phone.
- The recruited women were taken to England, Ireland, Cyprus, where they were met by citizens of Pakistan, who notified that they must to enter into shame marriage with the citizens of Pakistan, and promised to pay for it.





- The recruited women were taken to the apartment where the citizens of Pakistan were living. Their passports and mobile phones were taken away. Women were placed under permanent supervision.
- 2 women were compelled to enter into the sham marriage, but 3 managed to escape.
- In the result of the criminal offence to the victims were inflicted moral and personal injuries (they were raped, beaten).
- The problems of the legal qualification.

