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## Global Child Trafficking

Shaykh Abu Amār Ali al-Hudayfi said, 'In reality, the sexual exploitation of children is not a new trend and the West is aware of this. The United States suffers from the phenomenon of missing, runaway, or kidnapped children. CNN news has devoted several programs to this problem. They reported that America suffers from the compound problem of the kidnapping of girls and boys under the age of twenty, and the number of kidnapped children reaches tens of thousands.

A French magazine published an investigation revealing the laxity of the French judiciary system in dealing with adult crimes against young children in lieu of the reduced sentences the perpetrators received. Between 2,000 and 2,500 children are victims of sex crimes each year in France according to statistics collected in 1992. The French Ministry of Health stated at least one child in every classroom is a victim of an attack but only 30 percent of these crimes reach the courts.

Belgium was horrified by the news of a criminal who kidnapped several girls. Their bodies were discovered in his garden. The investigation revealed the criminal was a member of a gang that kidnapped children for prostitution. Al-Hayat newspaper wrote: Belgium is still in a state of shock after revealing the horrific details of networks who are involved in committing sexual crimes against European and North American children in recent years.

Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper reported that the number of children under the age of 18 who work in prostitution exceeded one million children in Asia and from a hundred to three hundred thousand children in North America according to UNICEF and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. The newspaper points out that European tourists are among the most prominent reasons for the spread of the sex trade due to the money they spend in poor countries such as Thailand, and the Philippines. They also flooded the world with pornographic films.

### **Minimal prison time for convicted pedophiles**

Even if the criminals accused of trafficking people are convicted, their sentences usually do not exceed one or two years in prison, while the penalty for drug trafficking ranges between ten to twelve years in prison.' End of Shaykh's speech. Taken from his lecture 'Doubts surrounding Islam'

Here are some examples of light prison sentences for convicted child rapists. Keeping in mind, over 3,200 people nationwide are serving life terms without a chance of parole for nonviolent offenses.

Lyle Burgess a Stockton businessman who pleaded no contest to raping a 5-year-old girl was sentenced to just **90 days of house arrest and five years of probation**. Burgess did not even have to register as a sex offender. Burgess received less prison time for child rape than former Olympian Marion Jones who received 6 months in prison for lying to federal agents under oath about her steroid use prior to the 2000 Summer Olympics and check fraud.

Robert H. Richards IV, the du Pont heir, was convicted of raping his 3-year-old daughter. Judge Jan Jurden suspended his eight-year sentence because the 6'4 300-pound Richards "might not fare well behind bars". **He got no time in prison at all**. He also allegedly molested his son.

Michael Wysolowski, a Georgia man who abducted a teenage girl and kept her in a **dog cage for over a year**, pleaded guilty to interstate interference with custody and child cruelty. **He spent eight months in a detention center. No prison time at all.**

Shane Piche, a 26-year-old bus driver who pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old student, was sentenced to 10 years' probation. **No prison time at all.**

Mark Hulett raped a girl over a four-year period, starting when the girl was 6. Vermont Judge Edward Cashman sentenced Hulett to **60 days in jail**. The judge says he did so because he no longer believes in punishment and he wants to speed the rapist's entry into a rehabilitation program.

Perhaps there are those within the judiciary system that belong to the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), a pedophilia and pederasty advocacy organization that works to abolish age-of-consent laws criminalizing adult sexual involvement with minors.

Marc Paul Alain Dutroux of Belgium was convicted in 1989 for the **abduction and rape of five young girls** with his then-wife Michelle Martin and other accomplices. He was released on parole after **three years** in prison. Dutroux returned to a life of crime and was arrested in 1996 having kidnapped, tortured, and sexually abused six females aged between 8 and 19, four of whom died.

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