

# **Illegal immigration and its impact on human trafficking cases**

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## **Abstract**

This study dealt with the issue of human trafficking and illegal immigration based on what was mentioned in international agreements and some national legislations. The Jordanian legislation, that was the subject hereof, was highlighted. Therefore, the study aimed to brief the concept, characteristics, elements, images and motives of human trafficking and illegal immigration. It also identified the similarities and differences among human trafficking and illegal immigration and provided a distinction standard between them. So, the problem is that unlike human trafficking, which was combated with a special law, illegal immigration legislation haven't enacted yet by most national legislations, which led to confusion between human trafficking and illegal immigration. Thus, a migrant may become a victim of the two crimes: human trafficking and smuggling of migrants. This study found that each of human trafficking and illegal immigration has its own concept, but despite the existence of this concepts, they are confused. Accordingly, a standard has been reached to distinguish between them and the similarities and differences have been shown to avoid confusion.

**Key words:** human trafficking, illegal immigration, Palermo protocol, national legislation, organized crime