



EUROPE/GREAT BRITAIN – Children trafficking continues to increase: the last case of a girl kidnapped in Somalia for the sale of organs

London (Agenzia Fides) - Human trafficking as well as that of the organs does not only occur in the poorest Countries in order to overcome the extreme poverty in which they live. The phenomenon is also widespread in the UK where the local police continue to investigate on a gang of illegal smugglers concerning foreign children. This is the recent case of a Somali girl kidnapped in her country of origin and taken to Britain to extract organs and sell them on the black market. Traffickers take advantage of the demand for organs and the vulnerability of children. According to the NGO End Child Prostitution Pornography And Trafficking (ECPAT), which defends the rights of children from prostitution, sex tourism and all other forms of sexual exploitation of children, the number of victims of human trafficking in the United Kingdom has increased significantly by more than 50% since last year. Police said that 371 children have been exploited as sex slaves. Most of them come from Vietnam, Nigeria, China, Romania and Bangladesh. The figure includes 20 young British children. The news of the Somali girl was made known by a statement that the British Government spread to denounce the traffickers and declare that they deserve the maximum sentence. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 05/11/2013)