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Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Sasha Rashica, at the same time National Coordinator against trafficking in human beings, in opening the conference, said that this month we announced, "month against trafficking in human beings" and in this context we included many activities that will be implemented by all institutions member of the inter-ministerial working group in close cooperation with international and local partners.

National Coordinator against trafficking in human beings, Sasha Rashica emphasized that all these activities are planned and approved by the action plan and strategy for combating human trafficking, which would be implemented in the period 2011-2014 and have four main goals : prevention, protection of victims of trafficking, prosecution of perpetrators of such offenses and child protection. Child protection is a new aim in strategy because of the Kosovo institutions will pay special attention to the child protection.

"The campaign aims to aware the public on the work of the Government of Kosovo, in the fight against trafficking in human beings. Results may be desirable only if the entire society participates in this process. Thus I take the opportunity to invite all citizens of Kosovo to join us in this fight, - said Deputy Rashic.

Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, at the same time Minister of Justice, Hajredin Kuqi, said that the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, a main priority rule of law and order, which is a precondition not only for democracy and economic development of the country, but also fulfillment of our aspiration for European integration. Obviously, the issue of trafficking in human beings is not one of the easiest topics in our society, but according to statistics is found as one of the most complex issues not only here but throughout the world.

Minister of Justice, Kuçi said the fight against trafficking in human beings is not merely the punishment of persons who deal with trafficking, but also in taking concrete measures to rehabilitate the victims of this phenomenon. Perhaps this second part is more difficult, not only attributable to the investigative and judicial bodies, but also society as a whole.

"The battle for justice is never without hope, but never won until the end, of course we have to wake up every morning and work even more and will have a major battle with the judiciary. The battle in this country should be preventing and identifying persons that smuggle people. "Said Kuçi.

Whereas Interior Minister, Bajram Rexhepi, said that the fight against organized crime in general and trafficking in human beings in particular, is a priority for the Government of the Republic of Kosovo. The phenomenon of organized crime in itself includes a variety of challenges for Kosovo society in general, and mechanisms of the state in particular. On the other hand, organized crime is lucrative business for criminals, but on other side one of the main challenges for our country.

Minister Rexhepi said that the results achieved on combating trafficking in human beings are encouraging. Work and dedication of the Republic of Kosovo institutions in preventing and combating this form of organized crime is reflected on all reports of relevant international institutions.

In the first place in the annual report of U.S. State Department, it is worth mentioning that it is encouraging that the raid and closure by the Kosovo Police of more than 800 bars last year, that were suspected areas where prostitution and trafficking is exercised.

State prosecutor, Ismet Kabashi noted that human trafficking is the creation of criminal offenses as per the Criminal Code, and therefore the State Prosecution gives crucial prosecution of perpetrators of these crimes. State Prosecution through its representatives in working groups has been crucial role in drafting the Government strategy, the obligation on fight against human trafficking. Under this strategy, the State Prosecution has certain duties and that the commitment will be fulfilled all its obligations arising from this strategic plan.

Also in this conference, has spoken the president of the Judicial Council of Kosovo, Enver Peci, Deputy Director General of the Kosovo Police for operation, Shillova Riza, Government deputy ministers, etc.