

Human Trafficking Fight

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WASHINGTON — The United States and Ukraine say they will step up efforts to combat human trafficking.

Experts say more than 100,000 Ukrainians have been forced into indentured labor or prostitution abroad since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Ukraine's Foreign Minister Kostyantyn Gryshchenko signed an agreement Tuesday to fight what Clinton called the "tragic worldwide blight" of trafficking.

She said cooperation would be strengthened. One effort she cited was Ukraine's recent transfer to the United States of a trafficker who made \$1 million in profits from women he exploited.

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