

Panel: Organized Crime (part 1) # 1472
Covering the New faces of int'l crime in the West

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RESOURCES ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

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GENERAL

<http://www.yorku.ca/nathanson/default.htm> Home page of the Toronto-based Nathanson Centre for the Study of Organized Crime and Corruption. Well organized web page, excellent links, extensive resources. Highly recommended.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/pub45270index.html>
U.S. International Crime Threat Assessment, 2000. An invaluable CIA-sponsored study of international organized crime.

http://www.ncis.co.uk/PDFS/small_threat.pdf
U.K. Threat Assessment on Serious and Organised Crime, 2000, by Britain's National Criminal Intelligence Service. Another helpful reference.

<http://www.organizedcrime.purespace.de>
Very good links to government agencies, private groups.

<http://www.europol.eu.int/>
Europol, with annual reports featuring briefs on various trends and major cases.

<http://www.bka.de/>
Germany's Bundeskriminalamt publishes a useful annual report on organized crime activities. In German.

http://www.mininterno.it/dip_ps/dia
Italy's anti-Mafia agency, the Direzione Investigativa Antimafia (DIA), briefly lists major cases.

<http://www.transparency.de>
Transparency International, good on corruption issues and a valuable source of contacts in various countries

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

<http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/global/traffic>

US State Department site on human trafficking, with good links.

<http://www.cia.gov/csi/monograph/women/trafficking.pdf>

CIA report on human trafficking.

STORY IDEAS

THE CRIMINALS

Arms smuggling: small weapons to nuclear components

Art theft and fraud

Child pornography and pedophilia

Cigarette smuggling

Corruption: payoffs, contract skimming, embezzlement

Counterfeiting: currency, checks, passports and visas, products

Environmental crimes: ozone trade, wildlife smuggling, toxic waste, poaching

Extortion and Intimidation

Financial fraud: advance fee; banking, insurance, credit card companies

Gambling: casinos, bookmaking, Internet

Hi-tech crimes: hacking, child porn, use of encryption, surveillance gear

Human Trafficking: Snakeheads, smuggling, and slavery

Identity theft

Intellectual property theft: software, music, movies, patents

Kidnapping

Labor racketeering

Money Laundering: cash, gold, offshore, underground banks

Narcotics: distribution networks, new drugs, new markets

Prostitution

Vehicle Theft

THE COPS

Money laundering and forfeiture abuses: how much is seized, how is it accounted for, where does the money go? Are officials monitoring dirty money flows? How much is laundered in undercover operations?

Informants: how much are they paid, how reliable, how close to cops?

Undercover operations: Who monitors them? Who approves eavesdropping?

Corruption: at the border, in drugs and prostitution, the courts, etc.

International cooperation problems

Most Wanted Lists

<http://www.fbi.gov/mostwant/topten/fugitives/fugitives.htm> (FBI)

<http://www.interpol.com/> (Interpol)

MONEY LAUNDERING

<http://www.state.gov/g/inl/rls/nrcrpt>

U.S. State Department's annual narcotics and money laundering report on the world. An excellent resource, with country-by-country reports.

<http://www.oecd.org/fatf>

The Paris-based Financial Action Task Force is the best international watchdog on money laundering; compiles a blacklist of notorious laundering hot spots.

<http://www.ustreas.gov/fincen>

Home page of FINCEN, the US Treasury Dept's financial intelligence unit. Helpful publications on-line.

<http://www.moneylaundering.com>

A for-profit group with useful conferences and good contacts in government and banking.

DRUGS

<http://www.state.gov/g/inl/rls/nrcrpt>

The U.S. State Department's annual international narcotics and money laundering report, with country reports.

<http://www.ogd.org>

The Paris-based L'observatoire geopolitique des drogues, with annual reports on the international narcotics trade

<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea>

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, with good briefs on international narcotics traffickers, trends, fugitives, drugs. Focus is on Americas.

CRIME SYNDICATES

<http://www.americanmafia.com>

Interesting site on the American Mafia.

<http://www.ganglandnews.com>

Another US Mafia site.

<http://www.american.edu/transcrime>

American University's Transnational Organized Crime and Corruption Center, focused largely on Russian organized crime. See their newsletter, *Organized Crime Watch*.