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Introduction

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Trafficking refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat of use of force or other form of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

It has causing multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 20.9 million people around the world. And no matter where people live, chances are it’s happening nearby. From the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop, to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will. All trafficking victims share one essential experience: the loss of freedom. Malaysia having 2 million documented and 1.9 million undocumented foreign workers. (refworld 2016)

Malaysia is a destination and, to a much lesser extent, source and transit country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and women and a small number of children subjected to sex trafficking. The majority of trafficking victims are among the estimated two million documented and an even greater number of undocumented migrant laborers in Malaysia. Foreign workers – primarily from Indonesia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Nepal, India, Burma and other Southeast Asian countries which typically migrate voluntarily to Malaysia to pursue better economic opportunities. Some of these migrants are subjected to forced labor or debt bondage by their employers, employment agents, or informal labor recruiters when they are unable to pay the fees for recruitment and associated or day-to-day working conditions, have heightened vulnerabilities to exploitative labor conditions and a reduced ability to resolve disputes. Agents in labor source countries may impose onerous fees on workers before they arrive in Malaysia, in some cases causing debt bondage. Foreign workers in Malaysia and the companies which employ them are subject to a range of government fees for immigration processing, foreign worker levies, and other administrative processes. The law allows many of the fees, which are initially paid by employers, to be deducted from workers’ wages, incentivizing employers to prevent workers from ending their employment before fees are recouped. Government regulations placed the burden of paying some immigration and employment authorization fees on foreign workers; this practice makes workers more susceptible to debt bondage. Authorities report organized crime syndicates are responsible for some instances of trafficking. Corruption among immigration and police offices remains a problem and impedes efforts to address trafficking. (U.S. Department of State 2017)

**2. Reasons why this segment is selected for review**

Cheah Wei Seng’part

Besides, illegal immigrants and human trafficking is becoming more serious and it is not aware by the local citizen. Local citizen does not taking the issue seriously which it can bring plenty of impact to the locals. Impact on the rate of jobless will gradually increase due to illegal immigrants and human trafficking because companies can pay cheaper salary to those illegal worker. As local citizen is not willing to work as a low paid worker, it led to large amount immigration of foreign worker. This indirectly increase the illegal immigration of foreign worker as well. As foreign worker increase, most of the low paid job are occupied by foreign worker then slowly they also try to start up their own business in the country. Additional, illegal foreign worker is hard to be controlled by the government. Therefore, it will greatly decrease the amount of the job in the market. It also increase the crime rate in our country. They are braver because they are not register with Immigration Department of Malaysia. This will make them hard to trace who they are in the country and they cannot be caught easily in the country. This is why human trafficking and illegal immigrants needed to be controlled in our country.

**3. Review of points**

**Agree:**

In lecture notes, it stated that higher wages is one of the pull factors that attract people to be trafficked. We agree with this statement. In our opinions, many victims of human trafficking in Malaysia are come from countries like Indonesia, Myanmar and etc. This is because the salary that they earned in Malaysia are worth more when it converted into the money of their country. Besides that, many victims of human trafficking are come from poor families with many family members, therefor they have to go to other country through illegal way and earn money by working in order to support their family expenditure.

Other than that, it also stated that job opportunities is one of the pull factors of human trafficking. We agree with this statement. In our opinion, there are many teenagers in Malaysia do not like the “3Ds” work, the “3Ds” work are stand for the jobs that are dirty, dangerous and difficult. Therefore, there are many available jobs such as construction worker, street hawker and etc for the victim of human trafficking in Malaysia. In desperation, many companies will decide to hire the people who are the victim of human trafficking with a lower salary to work for them.

**Disagree:**

**Lack of education**

The lack of education is not a factor for person involve in human trafficking. Although, with high education person will also involve in human trafficking. it is because they thinking that are the easiest way to earn money especially female. For example, due to the economy is shrinking now have a lot of person will face unemployment even if he or she has high education, so they will try to find a faster way to earn money. Besides that, some family that allow their young daughters to be trafficked to become prostitutes especially in Vietnam. Hence, we can know that with high education not mean all that will not involve in human trafficking.

**Easy money**

Easy money is one way for human involving in human trafficking, but human trafficking that can help person easy to earn money but that can also earn nothing.it is because some business that may hold their money for 2 or 3 months still give them or more longer especially the profiteers. If they go to sue them, it may be facing more unfair thing due to they are illegal aliens. Besides that, due to they are illegal alien when facing problem in working may not be protected. In Malaysia, government does not make available any alternatives to repatriation for victims who may face harm or retribution upon return to their home country.

**Student’s name 1: Law Yu Heng**

**Personal thoughts**

I feel that issues of human trafficking is persistent due to immense profitability with minimal risk which sacrifices their human right and freedom. Some of them may separated with their family since small or young. In order to survive, they had to do something they may not willing to which is forced labour or sex trafficking. Although many news and report shown the human trafficking statistics but this issues never get ending.

I am sympathize to those victim from human trafficking due to their life may controlled by traffickers.

**Personal Experience**

I have known someone who is really working as prostitute at brothel which is came from Indonesia. She is 24 years old and born from a poverty group of family. The main reason she willing work at Malaysia is the currency rate exchange compared to her own country for sustain his family. Besides this, her family does not know what her current job in Malaysia.

Although the money is earning super-easy, but no one is willing working as prostitute for lifetime career. She had met many people which most of the clients were between 25 and 55 and some of the clients were married or in relationships made her realise sex is a lot more important than she thought it was within relationships. If there’s no sex in a relationship then often a man will go out and find it anyway. Sexually transmitted disease(STD) is a concern to every prostitute which can lead to serious health problems for baby. Besides, some of the prostitue also had been physically assaulted and also society doesn’t see sex workers as human beings. Instead, many people will think sex-workers is digusting and shameful.

I think that the main issues which causing human trafficking is country economics. I believe that with a strong country economic can bring the education system to more advanced level. After that, people with high education will applied with stabilize income which also providing the education for their children. This loop will continue goes on and will getting better and ever.

In my opinion, if there is no demand, there will be no supply. We may not stop against human trafficking but we will able to reduce it. There will be still a long way to go for the issues of human trafficking that involves colloboration of many organization and government.

**Advice**

Through the every pieces of information that regarding human trafficking, I have conclude two messages of advice to share with my class.

First, we should always think more rational regarding to relationship problem. We should avoid the alternative way to fulfill our sex desire. I believe about when there is no demand, there will be no supply. We should reduce our rely on other people to do the 3D job. Moreover, we should treat those sex workers as human being as everyone is has its own human right.

Next, we should not discriminate against the victim of those human trafficking. We should not criticize those prostitute with negative thoughts. Lastly, we does not have the right to judge others people based on apperance, every people deserved respect and equity in their life.

**Student’s name 2: Kok Hao Guang**

**Personal Thought**

Human trafficking is happening terribly in our country. In my opinion, the man who is behind all this has no humanity inside of them. Even if they have, it is slowly dissolved. They only think money is the most important things in the world and try to kidnap someone and send them to other country to earn wealth. Those men should be stop and keep in the jail forever, they do not realize that they are hurting someone to feed themselves with happiness. Happiness should not only gained by having lots of wealth, sometimes we should find happiness nearest to us by doing things we cares about. For example, some of the victim in human trafficking is volunteer to become the one who is being send to other country. Most of the reason why they are doing so is because they wanted to let their family had a better living condition. They believe that when they transfer money back to their home, their family will be happy and this is the happiness they gained for them.

**Personal Experience**

I had read a news last year, it is about person involve in human trafficking. He is Inus bin Abul Baser who was only 18-years old from Myanmar. He managed to pay a human traffickers in Thailand and enter Malaysia to search for work, security and freedom. But things does not go to well with him, he was cooped into a detention center near Kuala Lumpur’s International airport within weeks. During the period, he was squatting and sleeping on the floor in a hall. He said there is no rest in the place. He can’t even sit or lie down without touching someone else. Wardens there will beat them with belts if they move or talk. He pointed a welt on this forearm and said that he received this when a guard beat him with belt when arguing with other detainee over space. Fortunately, he already get out from the terrible space. After reading the news, I feel that victim of human trafficking is not being respected or trade like a human. They being tortured when they are arrested and keep in a place where it is not suitable for a human to live.

**Advice**

My advice is we should respect and not look down on anyone especially the victim of the human trafficking because they have their own reason for doing so as their life in their own country is not good as ours that force them to doing so.

Another advice is we should not support human trafficking victim even they are wretched. This is because we are not going to encourage more trafficking cases happen in our country. This is because there is no demand there is no supply.

**Student’s name 4: Lai Woon Tzer**

**Personal Thought**

Human trafficking topic has sparked a great controversy among people from all walks of life. In my opinion, I think the human trafficking is hard to prevention.it is because some person involved in human trafficking is volunteer. For example, want to earn easy money and some of is insecure environment in the source countries.

**Personal Experience**

I have a friend is come from Bangladesh, due to the country environment and job opportunity poor so that try to involving in human trafficking to become forced labour in Malaysia. if that are not permit in Malaysia, that will be send back to country. In the moment, I was very happy due to our Malaysia not very high in human trafficking. it is because our country environment and job opportunity is very well.

**Advice**

After reviewing of the human trafficking, I have two messages of advice to share with my class.

First, don’t keep judge how hard your life is, because some people in this world may be worse than you. We always saying our country is not so good. But if you compare with other small country, it obviously knows that our country is better than other country.

Next, if our seeing person who involving in human trafficking, we should call the police not take action by your own. If give them know you are try to safe them, maybe you are the next victim in the human trafficking.

**Student’s name 5: Lee Yi Hao**

**Personal Thought**

I think that human trafficking is a common issue in Malaysia. The victim of human trafficking go to other country because of the reasons of labor and sexual exploitation. Personally, I feel sympathy to the victims of human trafficking. This is because many of them are promised better live but in the end their live is getting even worse. I think that the behavior of human trafficker is inhuman. This is because the victims are forced to work without getting the paid that they deserved and most of the income is go to the pocket of human trafficker.

**Personal Experience**

I would like to share the horror story of a human trafficking survivor that I had read from The Star newspaper. Yasmine is a thirteen years old Rohingya. One day, she was dragged by twelve men from her house by telling her brother is in Malaysia and she had to go. On the boat, she was threatened to beat her. She was scared and her parent were weeping because they could not do anything to save her. She was on the boat for two months with others victim under harsh condition with limited food, water and sanitation. Eventually they were abandoned by the smugglers at a secret location along Thailand’s coast. After reading this story, I feel sympathy for what Yasmine experienced during the two months. I also feel anger to what smuggler did to those victims. From this story, I learn that we must learn some self-defense skill to protect ourselves in dangerous situation.

**Advice**

After reviewing the segment on human trafficking, I have two messages of advice to share with my class.

First advice is we need to be avoid situation that is unsafe. For example, we should not walking alone on the deserted side streets at night or any dangerous places. Besides that, when you think that you are being followed by someone, you should find a crowded place quickly because crowd can help us to prevent the stalker from continuing to follow you and don’t hesitate to alert police to your suspicions. We can give our family members or friend a description of the potential perpetrator.

Next, we should not support trafficking activity. One of the way is don’t give money to the beggars who might be the victim of human trafficking. If we give our money to them, which mean we are helping the trafficking industry remain profitable and the number of victims will be increase. Instead, we can donate our money to school, charity and etc if we want to help the society. When there is no income from the beggars, then the trafficking industry is not profitable, eventually the number of victim will be decreased.