

## Human Trafficking is Not to be Tolerated

"Every country must join together to overcome this transnational threat by supporting and protecting victims while pursuing and prosecuting the criminals. On the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, let us resolve to act as one in the name of justice and dignity for all."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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**We can Never say it doesn't happen here!**

**True stories from Australia**

### Migrant Workers Exploited



A Four Corners Repot has revealed that migrant workers in 7-Eleven stores around the country are being paid minimal wage

and working long hours. Instead of the award wage of \$24/hour some workers are receiving as little as \$10/hour with no weekend or penalty rates. One worker reported not having been paid for over seven weeks. Another indicated he worked 70 hours; sometimes 80 hours with low wages, no respite and no breaks. Another worker was warned not to complain because authorities would report him for working in excess of the number of hours his visa allowed. (Photo: [www.abc.net.au/fourcorners](http://www.abc.net.au/fourcorners)) [Read more...](#)

*Let us ask ourselves, as individuals and as communities, whether we feel challenged when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others."*

Pope Francis

### Husband and Father Charged

"Every year 15 million girls are married before the age of 18. There is unprecedented recognition that child marriage infringes their rights and is a major setback to development."

A twelve year old girl was married in the back yard at the family home in the Hunter Valley by a local sheikh in January 2014. The girl now 13 miscarried after falling pregnant. The twenty seven year old "husband" has been sentenced to a minimum of seven and a half years in jail while the father is currently on trial. Forced marriage is a criminal offence in Australia. It is illegal for any person under the age of sixteen, or two people under the age of eighteen, to marry. If you think someone is in, or at immediate risk of a forced marriage, call the Australian Federal Police on 131 237. In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000). [Read more...](#)

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