

**Act on Punishment of Smugglers of People Amending Certain  
Articles of the Passport Act and the Act on Entry and  
Residence of Foreigns in Iran (1988)  
(Excerpts)**

**Article 1-** Commission of smuggling persons from the borders of Iran or aiding and abetting in such smuggling shall be punished as follows:

- a- If the smuggler disturbs security of the country, s/he shall be imprisoned from two to ten years, should the act committed does not amount to fighting against the regime.
- b- If the smuggled person is forbidden to leave the country or to enter it or the smuggled person is also a smuggler, s/he shall be punished by imprisonment from 2 to 8 years and by payment of a fine amounting from Rials 2,500,000 to 10,000,000.
- c- If the smuggled person is convicted or accused of committing a crime which is in the jurisdiction of the First Degree Penal Courts, then the smuggler shall be imprisoned from 2 to 4 years.
- d- If the smuggled person is under age, the smuggler shall be imprisoned from 3 to 5 years.
- e- If the committed crime can not be considered as amounting to any of the above crimes, the smuggler shall be imprisoned from 1 to 3 years.

*Note 1-* If the smuggler is a government employee or works for entities affiliated to the government and has committed the crime by taking advantage of his/her position, further to the above punishments s/he shall be condemned to perpetual dismissal from public services.

*Note 2-* Further to the above punishments, all the property acquired through the above crimes shall be subject to Article 5(3) of the Islamic Penal Act and the Act on the Manner of Implementation of Article 49 of the Constitution.

**Article 2-** The Act on Aggravation of Punishment of Smugglers (1965) and its further amendments as well as the laws and regulations contrary to the above Article and its Notes are hereby repealed.

**Article 7-** At the time of issuing a judgement about the above crimes, judges should take into consideration the situation and capabilities of the person committed the crime and the number of recidivism as well as the level of crime and its punishment.