

BBC: Bulgarian trafficker sells babies

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VARNA, Bulgaria -- A self-declared human trafficker, boasting he "exported" children and prostitutes, offered babies for sale in Bulgaria and abroad, the BBC reported Thursday. Bulgarian authorities were investigating information obtained by the BBC's undercover team operation organized in the Bulgarian Black Sea resort town of Varna. The report said the BBC team secretly filmed some of children the smugglers were allegedly offering. The Bulgarian, who told the BBC he preferred to be called Harry, said he was an experienced human trafficker and was offering for sale toddlers for \$82,800 per child. Harry told the BBC undercover team he would himself take a child to London for an extra fee. The BBC report said its monthlong undercover operation was stopped before any child was sold. Bulgaria joined the European Union Jan. 1 and has been under strong pressure by Brussels officials to crush organized crime activities.

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