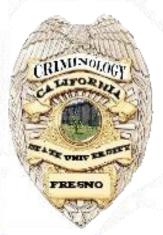
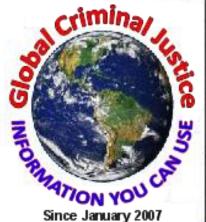
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Global News



THE BORYOKUDAN COMBATTING ORGANIZED CRIME

Japan's criminal organizations have many different names but are generally referred to as the Boryokudan or Yakuza. membership consists of persons of all ages and while some of the younger lower level members are much like gang members in the U.S., with distinctive dress, tattoes and mannerisms, upper level management functions like a typical crime syndicate. The Boryokudan also operate legitimate businesses as a front for their illegal activities, and a major source of income is the practice of extortion.

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In 2010 about 45% of all persons arrested for extortion or blackmail were Boryokudan members.

In the ongoing battle to reduce or eliminate Boryokuan activities, Japanese prefectures have been very active in passing what could be called Organized Crime Abatement and Prevention legislation, and the latest bill is effective 1 October 2011. The bill has a similar intent to the U.S. Senate Bill S. 132: Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2009, which was never passed.

On 24 July 2011 president Obama signed an executive order officially designating the Yakuza (a.k.a. Boryokudan; a.k.a. Gokudo) as one of four transnational criminal organizations which represent a danger to the U.S. and other countries, are entrenched in governments and financial institutions, and which threaten the stability of entire governments.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-pressoffice/2011/07/25/executive-order-blockingproperty-transnational-criminalorganizations

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EXECUTIVE ORDER...

The other three transnational criminal organizations listed in the executive order were:

- 1. THE BROTHERS' CIRCLE (f.k.a. FAMILY OF ELEVEN; f.k.a. THE TWENTY)
- 2. CAMORRA
- 3. LOS ZETAS

The latest Anti-Boryokudan legislation in Japan places increased restrictions on the activities by organized crime and increases the pressure on legitimate businesses and/or persons not to assist the Boryokudan in any fashion.

It criminalizes business dealings with the Boryokudan and in extortion cases the victim becomes a criminal by paying off the Boryokudan. Police have a policy, though, that if a victim reports payoffs to the Boryokudan before police are aware of it, no criminal action is filed against the victim and police will even assist the individual in cutting their connection with the Yakuza/Boryokudan. As further ammunition against organized crime, police can "OUT" the names of persons paying off the Boryokudan, including the publishing of their photos, business names and locations, and other identifying information.



Information page on new ordinance restricting Boryokudan activities at the website of the Tokyo Metropolitan police: http://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.jp/sotai/image/qaiyou.pdf

THE BORYOKUDAN/YAKUZA...

This practice not only results in such persons or businesses being shamed, but also in customers shunning them and their businesses. Banks will then refuse them credit once they are publicly identified as cooperating with the Boryokudan, and property owners will evict them or refuse to renew their leases.

http://www.japansubculture.com/2011/10/octo ber-1st-nationwide-in-japan-anti-yakuza-lawsgo-into-effect-do-tell-we-wont-ask/

This new approach is considered to be very effective in stopping people from having any interaction with Boryokudan members. Additional action is also being taken against front companies operated by the Boryokudan. One of them is an ordinance that such companies may not be located close or near schools and other rules listed on the Japanese language poster on the previous page.



Announcement of new ordinance/law at website of Tokyo Metropolitan Police

http://www.keishicho.metro.tokyo.jp/sotai/haijo_seitei.htm

As a result of the latest strengthening of the law, the Boryokudan have become desperate. The residences or offices of legislators and community organizations united against the Boryokudan have recently been shot at or sent mail bombs. Times are getting difficult for organized crime in Japan. The changing legal environment and shaming of those who cooperate with the Boryokudan has also had its impact on Sumo wrestling and the entertainment industry in general, with well-known celebrities losing their jobs or having to resign.

Because of continually being squeezed by government and police in a variety of ways in Japan, the Yakuza has been aggressively expanding its business activities in the U.S., Europe, and South America. Just one example of how it has impacted the U.S. was described in an article by Gary W. Potter, published by the Division on Critical Criminology - American Society of Criminology:

The Bush Family: A Continuing Criminal Enterprise?

The author showed that in 1989, Prescott Bush, the brother of George Bush Sr., was instrumental in helping a Yakuza front company invest in U.S. corporations for a fee of \$500,000. Interestingly, the same year (1989) President Bush Sr. eliminated regional organized crime strike forces.

http://critcrim.org/critpapers/potter.htm

Their elimination was very controversial, after the strike forces successfully shut down Mafia operations in the United States. The strike forces were not controlled by the U.S. attorneys offices and enjoyed a high level of independence from political influence.

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This political independence from the Attorney General's office appeared to have been a thorn in the side of the administration and then Attorney General Thornburgh supported the elimination of these independent strike forces.

http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/1989-03-19/news/8901150183 1 strike-forcesthornburgh-force-lawyers

The reach and influence of the Japanese Yakuza is extensive and present in all types of businesses and organizations. It may, for example, have been used by four upper level Yakuza members to receive liver transplants at the UCLA medical center while at the same time hundreds of other patients died while waiting for a new liver.

http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgibin/nn20080531f3.html

in June 2009 Citibank in Japan was punished with a one month suspension of its retail activities for not exercising more caution during money laundering activities by Yakuza members.

http://search.japantimes.co.jp/cgibin/nb20090627a2.html



German cities lack uniformity in regulating street prostitution and have so far been ineffective in collecting any sort of taxes or revenue from street level prostitutes. In a new approach, the city of Bonn has placed ATM type machines in areas frequented by prostitutes and asks them to use these machines which are similar to parking meters, to first obtain a ticket/pass for providing their services during the main night-time business hours from 20.15-6.00. Street prostitution is prohibited during day time hours and each pass is valid for one working shift on one of the three allowable evenings or nights per week.

Is the Ph.D. valid forever?

The doctoral dissertations of Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, the former German minister of defense, and Silvana Koch-Mehrin, a high profile member of the German parliament and also a member of the European parliament, have been found to contain massive plagiarism, often involving multiple pages of direct copying without any citation of sources. In the ensuing scandal, the doctorates were rescinded by the universities awarding them. Guttenberg has since resigned from his post and is now listed as a distinguished statesman giving lectures at the "Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington.

This scandal has resulted in a group of civic minded individuals reviewing all dissertations of high level officials to determine if the problem is more wide spread than thought, and there are indications that plagiarism has also been found in the doctoral dissertations of other politicians.

It is noteworthy that in some German states, a person's doctorate can be taken away if the individual is sentenced to jail/prison for longer than one year. It can also be taken away if the person later publishes fraudulent data in other research or engages in

RESCINDING A DOCTORATE...

activities that violate the dignity of a doctorate.

TURKEY



Don't mess with prayers!!

With a significant shift towards a more radical form of Islam by the current government of the Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, journalists have to tread lightly in their treatment of Islam. Bahadir Baruter, a cartoonist for the Turkish magazine Penguen published a drawing in which an imam and attendees are reciting a prayer in a mosque.

(http://www.penguen.com/)

One of the attendees is using his cell phone to call "god" to ask if he could leave off the last part of the prayer since he has other things to do or take care of....In the cartoon he then says on the cell phone "Thank you my god. Have a nice day." Integrated in the mosaic of the mosque's wall in the drawing were the words "there is no god, religion is a lie."

As a result of this cartoon, the author has been arrested and charged with offending Islam. It was also seen as particularly offensive that Baruter did not use the term Allah, but a more general term for God typically used by other religions.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Chief of Investigations for the

Fresno County District Attorney

Recruitment #11-1797-0058 Salary: \$105,000+ DOQ Filing deadline: 10/21/2011 4:00:00

Detailed information at:

http://www.jobaps.com/fresno/sup/BulPreview.asp?R1=11&R2=1797&R3=0058

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION

Of the 10 cities in the U.S. with the highest rates of auto theft, eight are in California:

- 1. Fresno, CA
- 2. Modesto, CA
- 3. Bakersfield, CA
- 4. Spokane, WA
- 5. Vallejo, CA
- 6. Sacramento, CA
- 7. Stockton, CA
- 8. Visalia, CA
- 9. San Franciso-Oakland, CA
- 10. Yakima, WA

(www.nicb.com)

Border states like California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico, also experience the problem of vehicles being stolen and then quickly taken across the border into Mexico. Texas and Arizona attempted to address this particular problem with a state-wide program that allows vehicle owners to register their vehicle in H.E.A.T. (help eliminate auto theft) programs. Once registered, the vehicle owner receives a numbered decal that is affixed to the inside of the left side of their rear window. This gives police authority to

AUTO THEFT...

stop and check the vehicle or driver anytime between 0100 and 0500 at night/ in the morning and anytime the vehicle is spotted within one mile of the Mexican border. Interestingly, that one mile standard used to be 25 miles or greater, but for unknown reasons was changed to just one mile. The program registration is also connected to the DMV license plate system, so that if an officer checks a license plate, it will also indicate if the owner is in the H.E.A.T. program.

Additional information on the H.E.A.T. programs in Arizona and Texas can be accessed as indicated below:



http://www.azwatchyourcar.com/

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME RECORDS SERVICE

https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/ Heat/

A similar program called Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.) but not involving border checks, has been in existence in New York City for many years. Below a picture taken of a decal in a car window while visiting New York City:



INTERESTING PHOTO

The problem of auto thefts also extends to burglaries of or thefts from vehicles. Parking garages in the city of Stockton have an interesting approach to warning motorists to secure their valuables when using the parking garages:



CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

University Student I.D. Cards for Extension Degree Program students.

Mr. Anthony Forestiere, the university controller, indicated that the implementation of the new policy allowing students in off campus degree programs to obtain a university I.D. card has been delayed briefly due to the retirement of the I.D. card office manager, but that he is working with the Information Technology department to have the procedures in place to issue such cards very soon.