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## Level 3

### World's 'most wanted' people smuggler arrested

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# THE ARTICLE

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Police in Sudan have arrested one of the world's most wanted people smugglers. The smuggler is Mered Medhanie, 35, from the East African country of Eritrea. He has the nickname of 'The General' because of the way he plans and carries out people smuggling. Police say Mered's actions resulted in the deaths of hundreds of migrants – people trying to leave Africa to go to Europe to try to find a better life. At least 359 migrants died when their boat sank near Lampedusa in the Mediterranean Sea in 2013. The Sudanese police found Mered in a secret hideout in the capital Khartoum. They worked closely with Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and British intelligence services.

Sudan will give Mered to the police in Italy, where he could get a long prison sentence. Detectives say he controlled a huge organisation that smuggled thousands of migrants from Africa and the Middle East across the Mediterranean to Europe. He charged people up to \$5,500 each to make the high-risk journey in dangerous boats. He became very rich from his activities. The NCA said Mered was a high-level human trafficker and that he did not care about people's lives. An NCA spokesperson said: "Medhanie is a prolific people smuggler and has absolute disregard for human life." Italian police said Mered's plan was to make a huge amount of money and then move to Sweden, where his wife lives.

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/08/worlds-most-wanted-people-smuggler-arrested-in-joint-british-ope/>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1708610/people-smuggler-the-general-arrested-in-sudan>  
<http://www.thelocal.it/20160608/migrant-smuggling-boss-extradited-to-italy>

# WARM-UPS

**1. PEOPLE SMUGGLING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about people smuggling. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Sudan / smugglers / nickname / actions / migrants / a better life / boat / secret / police / prison / sentence / high risk / journey / dangerous / prolific / money

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. BORDERS:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be no borders between countries; Students B **strongly** believe this would be a disaster. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SMUGGLING:** How can the following stop people smuggling? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                       | What they can do | How effective it would be |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| The police            |                  |                           |
| The Internet          |                  |                           |
| The U.N.              |                  |                           |
| The migrants' country |                  |                           |
| European countries    |                  |                           |
| Average people        |                  |                           |

**5. POLICE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "police". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. MOST WANTED:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest criminals at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- people smugglers
- rhino hunters
- drug barons
- terrorists
- bank robbers
- spies
- hackers
- arsonists

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The people smuggler was from Eritrea. **T / F**
- b. The people smuggler's nickname was 'The President'. **T / F**
- c. The article said Mered was responsible for thousands of deaths. **T / F**
- d. The people smuggler was found in a secret hideout in Italy. **T / F**
- e. Mered could get a long prison sentence in Italy. **T / F**
- f. Mered made people pay over \$5,000 to cross the Mediterranean. **T / F**
- g. Police said Mered wanted to make a huge amount of money. **T / F**
- h. Mered's wife lives in Italy. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. people smuggler | a. very big         |
| 2. way             | b. led to           |
| 3. resulted in     | c. located          |
| 4. at least        | d. trip             |
| 5. found           | e. method           |
| 6. long            | f. total            |
| 7. huge            | g. relocate         |
| 8. journey         | h. lengthy          |
| 9. absolute        | i. human trafficker |
| 10. move           | j. more than        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. He has the nickname            | a. of hundreds         |
| 2. resulted in the deaths         | b. up to \$5,500 each  |
| 3. their boat                     | c. hideout             |
| 4. police found Mered in a secret | d. from his activities |
| 5. British intelligence           | e. prison sentence     |
| 6. he could get a long            | f. sank                |
| 7. he controlled a huge           | g. of money            |
| 8. He charged people              | h. services            |
| 9. He became very rich            | i. of 'The General'    |
| 10. make a huge amount            | j. organisation        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

Police in Sudan have (1) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's most wanted people smugglers. The smuggler is Mered Medhanie, 35, from the East African (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Eritrea. He has the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of 'The General' because of the way he plans and carries out people smuggling. Police say Mered's actions (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the deaths of hundreds of migrants – people trying to leave Africa to go to Europe to try to find a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ life. At least 359 migrants died when their boat (6) \_\_\_\_\_ near Lampedusa in the Mediterranean Sea in 2013. The Sudanese police found Mered in a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ hideout in the capital Khartoum. They worked closely with Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and British intelligence (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*country*  
*resulted*  
*services*  
*nickname*  
*secret*  
*better*  
*arrested*  
*sank*

Sudan will give Mered to the police in Italy, where he could get a long (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sentence. Detectives say he controlled a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ organisation that smuggled (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of migrants from Africa and the Middle East across the Mediterranean to Europe. He charged people up to \$5,500 (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to make the high-risk journey in dangerous boats. He became very rich from his activities. The NCA said Mered was a high-(13) \_\_\_\_\_ human trafficker and that he did not care about people's lives. An NCA spokesperson said: "Medhanie is a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ people smuggler and has absolute disregard for human (15) \_\_\_\_\_." Italian police said Mered's plan was to make a huge (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of money and then move to Sweden, where his wife lives.

*thousands*  
*life*  
*huge*  
*level*  
*prison*  
*amount*  
*each*  
*prolific*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) because of the way he plans and \_\_\_\_\_ smuggling
  - a. carries up people
  - b. carries at people
  - c. carries out people
  - d. carries in people
- 2) migrants – people trying to leave Africa to go to Europe to try to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. find a belter life
  - b. find a bet for life
  - c. find a better life
  - d. find a best life
- 3) At least 359 migrants died when their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. boat sink
  - b. boat sank
  - c. boat sunk
  - d. boat sinks
- 4) The Sudanese police found Mered in a secret hideout \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a capital
  - b. in that capital
  - c. on the capital
  - d. in the capital
- 5) Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and British \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. intelligence services
  - b. intelligent services
  - c. intelligentsia services
  - d. intelligences services
- 6) Sudan will give Mered to the police in Italy, where he could get a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. long prison sentences
  - b. longs prison sentence
  - c. long prisons sentence
  - d. long prison sentence
- 7) he controlled a huge organisation that smuggled \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. thousands of migrants
  - b. thousands for migrants
  - c. thousands off migrants
  - d. thousands have migrants
- 8) He charged people up to \$5,500 each to make the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. high-risks journey
  - b. height-risk journey
  - c. high-risk journey
  - d. high-risk journeys
- 9) Medhanie is a prolific people smuggler and has absolute disregard \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. for human life
  - b. for humane life
  - c. for human lifer
  - d. four human life
- 10) Italian police said Mered's plan was to make a huge \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. amounts of money
  - b. amount off money
  - c. amount of monies
  - d. amount of money

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

1. How old is Mered Medhanie?
2. Where does Mered Medhanie come from?
3. What is Mered Medhanie's nickname?
4. How many migrants died on a boat that sank near Lampedusa in 2013?
5. Which national crime agency helped in the arrest of Mered Medhanie?
6. What kind of punishment did the article say Mered could get?
7. How much did Mered charge people to cross the Mediterranean?
8. What high-level thing did police say Mered Medhanie was?
9. What did police say Mered Medhanie had no regard for?
10. Where does Mered Medhanie's wife live?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

- 1) How old is Mered Medhanie?
  - a) 35
  - b) 38
  - c) 33
  - d) 31
- 2) Where does Mered Medhanie come from?
  - a) Estonia
  - b) Ecuador
  - c) Eritrea
  - d) Ethiopia
- 3) What is Mered Medhanie's nickname?
  - a) The Smuggler
  - b) The One
  - c) The President
  - d) The General
- 4) How many migrants died on a boat that sank near Lampedusa in 2013?
  - a) around 359
  - b) at least 359
  - c) exactly 359
  - d) less than 359
- 5) Which national crime agency helped in the arrest of Mered Medhanie?
  - a) Britain's
  - b) Italy's
  - c) Eritrea's
  - d) Sudan's
- 6) What kind of punishment did the article say Mered could get?
  - a) community service
  - b) a fine
  - c) the death penalty
  - d) a long prison sentence
- 7) How much did Mered charge people to cross the Mediterranean?
  - a) over \$5,500
  - b) exactly \$5,500
  - c) up to \$5,500
  - d) about \$5,500
- 8) What high-level thing did police say Mered Medhanie was?
  - a) risk
  - b) a human trafficker
  - c) rich
  - d) intelligence
- 9) What did police say Mered Medhanie had no regard for?
  - a) smuggling
  - b) boats
  - c) human life
  - d) the sea
- 10) Where does Mered Medhanie's wife live?
  - a) Eritrea
  - b) Sweden
  - c) Sudan
  - d) Italy

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

## **Role A – People smugglers**

You think people smugglers are the biggest criminals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them how their criminals can be changed. Also, tell the others what sentences these should get (and why): drug barons, terrorists or hackers.

## **Role B – Drug barons**

You think drug barons are the biggest criminals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them how their criminals can be changed. Also, tell the others what sentences these should get (and why): people smugglers, terrorists or hackers.

## **Role C – Terrorists**

You think terrorists are the biggest criminals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them how their criminals can be changed. Also, tell the others what sentences these should get (and why): drug barons, people smugglers or hackers.

## **Role D – Hackers**

You think hackers are the biggest criminals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them how their criminals can be changed. Also, tell the others what sentences these should get (and why): drug barons, terrorists or people smugglers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'prison' and 'sentence'.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>prison</b> | <b>sentence</b> |
|---------------|-----------------|

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• arrested</li><li>• nickname</li><li>• hundreds</li><li>• better</li><li>• 359</li><li>• closely</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• long</li><li>• huge</li><li>• charged</li><li>• rich</li><li>• care</li><li>• move</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# PEOPLE SMUGGLING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

Write five GOOD questions about people smuggling in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# PEOPLE SMUGGLING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the word 'migrant'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What sentence should Mered get?
5. What do you think of people smuggling?
6. Why can't police stop people smuggling?
7. What are the biggest reasons migrants want to go to Europe?
8. What do you know about people smuggling in the Mediterranean?
9. What do intelligence services do?
10. What advice do you have for migrants?

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# PEOPLE SMUGGLING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. Why are there so many migrants?
13. What can countries do to stop their people leaving?
14. Will people smuggling get better or worse?
15. How will Mered's arrest change the amount of people smuggling?
16. Why do people risk their lives and money to cross the Mediterranean?
17. Why don't the world's news agencies highlight migrant deaths more?
18. What will migration in Europe look like in 10 years from now?
19. What should world leaders do to stop people smuggling?
20. What questions would you like to ask the police?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Sudan will give Mered to the police in Italy, where he could get a long prison (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Detectives say he controlled a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ organisation that smuggled thousands of migrants from Africa and the Middle East across the Mediterranean to Europe. He (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people up to \$5,500 each to make the high-risk journey in dangerous boats. He became very rich from his activities. The NCA said Mered was a high-level human trafficker and that he did not (10) \_\_\_\_\_ about people's lives. An NCA spokesperson said: "Medhanie is a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ people smuggler and has absolute disregard for human life." Italian police said Mered's plan was to make a huge amount (12) \_\_\_\_\_ money and then move to Sweden, where his wife lives.

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |             |             |               |              |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) of      | (b) from    | (c) off       | (d) for      |
| 2.  | (a) naming  | (b) named   | (c) nickname  | (d) names    |
| 3.  | (a) up      | (b) in      | (c) out       | (d) to       |
| 4.  | (a) by      | (b) at      | (c) of        | (d) in       |
| 5.  | (a) near    | (b) nearly  | (c) nears     | (d) neared   |
| 6.  | (a) close   | (b) closely | (c) closes    | (d) closed   |
| 7.  | (a) article | (b) clause  | (c) paragraph | (d) sentence |
| 8.  | (a) luge    | (b) huge    | (c) fugue     | (d) nugget   |
| 9.  | (a) changed | (b) chained | (c) charged   | (d) charted  |
| 10. | (a) keep    | (b) heed    | (c) disquiet  | (d) care     |
| 11. | (a) profit  | (b) proffer | (c) profile   | (d) prolific |
| 12. | (a) for     | (b) of      | (c) at        | (d) in       |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. He has the enkaicnm of 'The General'
2. he plans and scarier out people smuggling
3. resulted in the deaths of hundreds of rasimtng
4. police found Mered in a etersc hideout
5. in the atpclia Khartoum
6. British icntInglieee services

## Paragraph 2

7. he could get a long prison nnetsee
8. he oendllctro a huge organisation
9. make the high-risk jrnuoey
10. in rgsdeuona boats
11. draergsid for human life
12. make a huge ouamnt of money



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) died when their boat sank near Lampedusa in the Mediterranean Sea in 2013. The Sudanese
- ( ) hundreds of migrants – people trying to leave Africa to go to Europe to try to find a better life. At least 359 migrants
- ( ) with Britain's National Crime Agency (NCA) and British intelligence services.
- ( ) of the way he plans and carries out people smuggling. Police say Mered's actions resulted in the deaths of
- ( **1** ) Police in Sudan have arrested one of the world's most wanted people smugglers. The smuggler
- ( ) human trafficker and that he did not care about people's lives. An NCA spokesperson said: "Medhanie is
- ( ) Middle East across the Mediterranean to Europe. He charged people up to \$5,500 each to make the high-
- ( ) police found Mered in a secret hideout in the capital Khartoum. They worked closely
- ( ) a prolific people smuggler and has absolute disregard for human life." Italian police said Mered's plan was to make
- ( ) a huge amount of money and then move to Sweden, where his wife lives.
- ( ) sentence. Detectives say he controlled a huge organisation that smuggled thousands of migrants from Africa and the
- ( ) Sudan will give Mered to the police in Italy, where he could get a long prison
- ( ) is Mered Medhanie, 35, from the East African country of Eritrea. He has the nickname of 'The General' because
- ( ) risk journey in dangerous boats. He became very rich from his activities. The NCA said Mered was a high-level

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160610-people-smuggler.html>

1. of most smugglers one world's people Arrested the wanted .
2. He the of General' has nickname 'The .
3. he people plans smuggling and The carries way out .
4. to better to try a Go to find life Europe .
5. police Sudanese hideout secret a in Mered found .
6. controlled huge Detectives he a organization say .
7. up each people \$5,500 charged to He .
8. - boats risk Make journey the in high dangerous .
9. rich his He very from activities became .
10. Sweden Make a huge amount of money and then move to .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about Mered Medhanie. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. PEOPLE SMUGGLING:** Make a poster about people smuggling. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MIGRATION:** Write a magazine article about removing all the world's borders. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on people smuggling. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b F    c F    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. people smuggler | a. human trafficker |
| 2. way             | b. method           |
| 3. resulted in     | c. led to           |
| 4. at least        | d. more than        |
| 5. found           | e. located          |
| 6. long            | f. lengthy          |
| 7. huge            | g. very big         |
| 8. journey         | h. trip             |
| 9. absolute        | i. total            |
| 10. move           | j. relocate         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 35
2. Eritrea
3. The General
4. At least 359
5. Britain's
6. A long prison sentence
7. Up to \$5,500
8. A human trafficker
9. Human life
10. Sweden

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. d    7. c    8. b    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)