

## **Addressing Human Trafficking in the Context of Armed Conflict**

The matter of human trafficking within nations and regions marred by armed conflict is one that often goes under the radar. The atrocities committed by the fighting forces can overshadow more sinister criminal organisations that operate under the lawless conditions that such strife can promote. From the current Russo-Ukrainian War, to the Tigray Conflict, and the civil unrest in Yemen, criminal groups have been exploiting the cover offered by war to maintain human trafficking rings on a large scale.

Innocent people caught in these insidious schemes can eventually end up in forced labour or prostitution, unable to break free of their horrific position. It will be the task of SCSHT to determine the source and extent of such human trafficking operations, and recommend suitable ways to reduce their prevalence.