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## “SMUGGLERS IN MILITARY UNIFORMS” IN BULGARIA

(Summary)

The study examines the uncovered cases of smuggling in the first decade after the Great War, when the crime acquired a global character with the emergence of organized crime structures that carried out illicit trafficking of people, or money, and commercial goods. Under the influence of external factors in the 1920s and early 1930s in Bulgarian society, the development of organized crime on the European and American model began, but with a clearly expressed local specificity. The article attempts to provide an answer to a significant social problem that has so far been poorly developed in Bulgarian historiography – smuggling and its consequences for the economic and cultural development of society. The illegal trade in goods as part of the modernization of the country and society is examined, its negative impact on the economic and social development of the state, the change over time of the attitudes towards it and its consequences for people and institutions. The study includes data from poorly known documents of Bulgarian state institutions involved in the prevention of smuggling.

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