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**Abstract**

**Features of some Organized crimes in Sudan**

**(Substance abuse as example)**

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Organized crime is a form of crime characterised by engagement in illegal activities for monetary profits, or political motivation, which may be national or international. There is no clear cut distinction from other crimes; however it's characterized by unlawful activities by highly organized disciplined structured association. Ilicit drug trafficking is a very good example of these crimes.

In this retrospective comparative study 5 substances abuse crimes during the period (1994-2014) component and assess their being organized crimes or not from their elements.

The first group is composed of two crimes (Alcohol intoxication) in 2005 & 2011 where 17 & 73 citizens were confirmed dead due to alcohol poisoning. The second group is composed of three crimes (illicit drug trafficking) committed by mules at 1994, a foreign passenger at 2013 and by citizens and foreigners at 2014.

The results showed that the identification of the substances (Methanol, heroin & amphetamines derivatives), the amount seized and the circumstances confirmed that the second group can be classified as organized crimes while the first group can not be classified as so.

We concluded that organized crimes require more efforts in investigation and evidence collection and data interpretation together with international cooperation compared to the local unorganized crimes committed by casual unskilled criminals or resulted from unintentional or accidental acts.

We recommended that organized crime control act is essential to decrease the escalating violence of drug abuse crime in Sudan.

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