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CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

EGYPT

SEIZURE OF 57.110 KILOGRAMMES OF OPIUM AT SUEZ ON 7 AUGUST 1946

Report communicated by the Government of Egypt
16 February 1947

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of 13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following report on the above-mentioned seizures to the Members of the United Nations and to the other parties to the Convention.

Upon information to the effect that a large quantity of narcotics would be smuggled into the Country across the Suez Canal by the help of a fisherman known as a notorious smuggler, necessary arrangements were jointly made by both the C.I.E.B. Suez Branch and the Royal Frontiers Corps to arrest the smugglers in question.

On 7.9.46, it was reported that the Frontiers men had discovered the foot-prints of 5 persons coming out of the Suez Canal and that the Frontiers force following the foot-prints had arrested Soliman Saad Selim, Salman Selim Alian, Selim, Soliman Alian and Selim Salmi Salama in possession of 57.110 kilogrammes of opium.

Inquiries revealed that the narcotics belonged to a certain Zeidan Abu Souclan and that a further large quantity of drugs was hidden somewhere in the desert but nothing could be found.

The accused admitted that they crossed the Canal from East to West in a boat of a fisherman whom they could not identify owing to the darkness of the night.

The five accused persons were tried by the Summary Native Court, Suez, on 6th. February 1947 and sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and a fine of LE 500, each.

The source of origin of the seized drug is unknown.