

Removal and Challenges to Red Notices: When NCB's Get It Right

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As much as we may complain about some NCB's (National Central Bureaus) behaving improperly with respect to their INTERPOL duties, it's always nice to hear that others handle their responsibilities properly.

A few months ago, I spoke with a subject of a Red Notice from Denmark who had agreed to be extradited in order to resolve the matter. Once he was in Denmark, he closed his criminal case. The next natural step in a perfect world would have been that Denmark's officials, of their own accord, would have requested from Denmark's NCB that the Notice be destroyed since it was no longer valid. As it turns out, that's exactly what happened, and the Notice was removed almost immediately.

More recently, a Red Notice subject with an issue arising from the United Arab Emirates was able to resolve his underlying criminal case. The UAE ensured that its NCB destroyed the Red Notice accordingly. That's how INTERPOL's tools are supposed to be used: fairly, quickly and efficiently.

We all know that it doesn't always happen the way it should; this post is about giving credit where credit is due.

As always, thoughts and comments are welcomed.