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Spain sex trafficking case lodged to U.N. shows lack of protection for victims: charity

THE case of a Nigerian woman trafficked into Spain, who was later deported while pregnant, was presented to a United Nations rights committee on Friday night to highlight the lack of protection for sex trafficking victims, a women's legal charity said.

After being trafficked to Spain and forced into prostitution, Gladys John was detained by police in 2010 and deported just days later, said Women's Link Worldwide, which represented John at the time.

The legal charity submitted John's case to the U.N.'s Committee Against Torture on Friday, saying she was

"tortured" as a sex trafficking victim and then "faced torture again" when she was detained instead of protected by the Spanish government.

"Trafficking victims should never be held in detention centres, since they are victims, not criminals. And they most certainly should not be deported, but protected," Women's Link attorney Teresa Fernandez Paredes said in a statement yesterday.

"Today we don't know if Gladys John is alive or dead. Spain is responsible for her disappearance, because she placed her trust in the authorities, and the state failed her," Paredes added.

Labour gaining ground on Conservatives: Poll

London.—British prime minister Theresa May's Conservatives have retained their lead over the opposition Labour Party ahead of the 8 June election, but with Labour gaining ground, an Orb poll published by the *Telegraph* showed yesterday. The poll showed the Conservatives with 46 percent, the same level of support versus one week ago, while Labour rose to 34 percent, up 2 percentage points, the *Telegraph* said. The Liberal Democrats fell 1 point to 7 percent while the UK Independence Party gained 1 point to 7 percent. The poll was conducted between 17 and 18 May, but the size of the sample was not given.

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