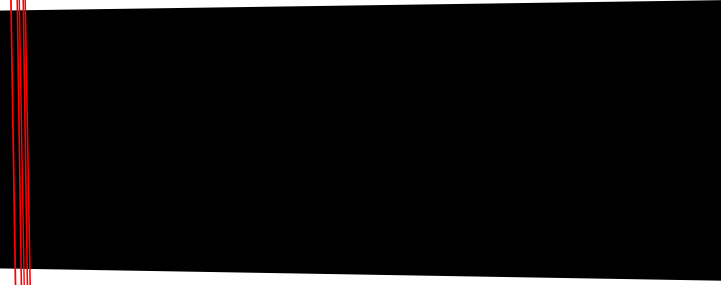
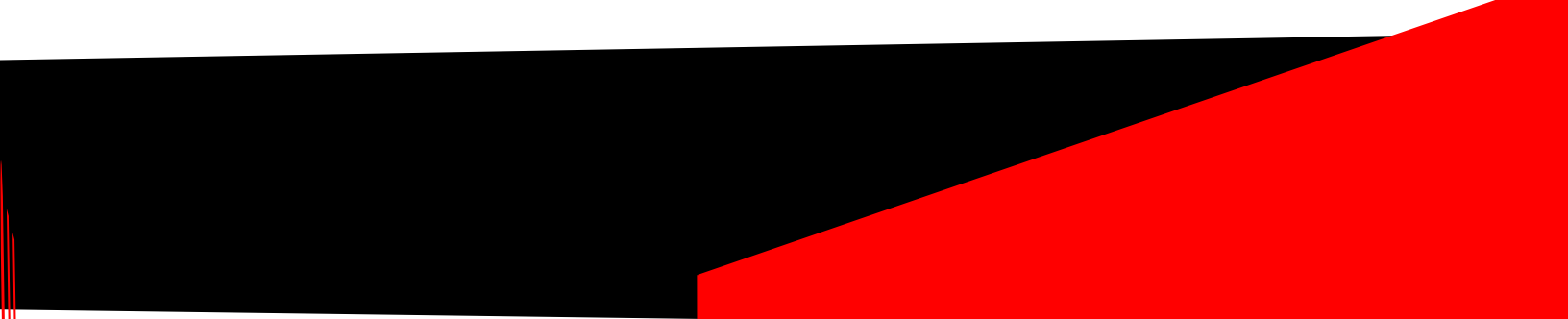


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"The police is the last place these women want to go." She said that only 20 women had ever used the protection program.

It is not clear who will stop the mob. On a trip to Ukraine late last year, Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke out about the new white slave trade that has developed so rapidly there. The United States and the European Union have plans to work together to educate young women about the dangers of working abroad. Other initiatives, like stays of deportation for prisoners, victims' shelters and counseling have also been discussed

"I don't care about any of that," said Lena, a young Latvian, one of the inmates waiting to be deported here. "I just want to know one thing. How will I ever walk down the street like a human being again?"

Photos: Maya, a Russian prostitute at the Tropicana club in Tel Aviv. The sign on the door reads, "No Smoking" (Rina Castelnuovo for The New York Times) (pg 1); Poverty has trapped Ukrainian and Russian women in the sex trade. Nathalie, left, and Maya prepare for work at a Tel Aviv brothel. Israel says it has deported 1,500 Russian and Ukrainian women in the past three years. For most, deportation offers the only escape. (Photographs by Rina Castelnuovo for The New York Times) (pg 6)