

What is the difference between slaves and employees?

Criminal gangs in North Africa are said to be selling young migrants like slaves in the wake of the influx of refugees to the Mediterranean.

According to CNN reports, hundreds of migrants are sold to their new owners for prices of around USD 400 at Libyan slave markets if they are unable to pay their debts to trafficking gangs.

It was not only German Chancellor Angela Merkel who was appalled by this form of modern slavery, which was believed to have been overcome long ago.

But what exactly is the difference between a slave and someone working for EUR 450 (Germany's "450-Euro-Jobbers")?