

Police patrols check cars and suspicious

people in Calabria

Date

1971-1971

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

The 'Ndràngheta is a Mafia-type criminal organization in Italy, centered in Calabria. Despite not being as famous abroad as the Sicilian Cosa Nostra, and having been considered more rural compared to the Neapolitan Camorra and the Apulian Sacra Corona Unita, the 'Ndrangheta became the most powerful crime syndicate of Italy in the late 1990s and early 2000s. While commonly tied together with the Sicilian Mafia, the 'Ndrangheta operates independently from the Sicilian Mafia, though there is contact between the two, due to the geographical proximity, and shared culture and language of Calabria and Sicily. A US diplomat estimated that the organization's drug trafficking, extortion and money laundering activities accounted for at least 3% of Italy's GDP. Since the 1950s, the organization has spread towards northern Italy and worldwide.

Dimensions

Overall: 25.1 x 36.6 cm (9 7/8 x 14 3/8 in.)