



Italian police stop San Giorgio Theocratic State scam

A timely intervention of the Italian Police stops the scam of the Theocratic State of San Giorgio. 42 suspects arrested and investigated

This fabricated nation was issuing identity documents, but thanks to a prompt intervention the Italian Police stops the scam of the Theocratic State of San Giorgio.

More than 700 people in Italy fell for the scam and paid between 200 and 1,000 euros to receive a nationality that existed only on paper. Among them a former General of the Financial Police (GdF) and a former officer of the Carabinieri. All the names of the investigated below.

Police in the Calabrian capital arrested 30 suspects and issued 12 house arrest warrants against those involved in the mega-scam. These individuals convinced their "clients" of the privileges, both fiscal and economic, that they would receive with the citizenship of a sovereign state. This would have been formed under the 1959 Antarctic Treaty (which prohibits new claims in the Antarctic). The new citizens were promised financial aid for research projects and were assured that, with the documents of that State, it was possible to move without restrictions in Italy and abroad.

The main benefit with which they convinced people was related to taxes. The swindlers claimed that citizens only had to pay 5% to the Theocratic State and were exempted from paying taxes in Italy. They also sold them the idea that their assets were protected from any seizure by the Italian government, as they became "Sangiorgesi" assets.

In addition, the scam also included sales of land in Antarctica, which came with a noble title. Added to this, the swindlers had asked for more money from the citizens of San Giorgio to buy the island of Kouneli, in Greece, in order to establish the alleged State there.

The investigation began on April 7 last year. On that day, police raided a house in Catanzaro, where an alleged "diplomatic headquarters" of the Antarctic Theocratic State of San Giorgio was located. There, prosecutors found documents showing that it was a national network in Italy, with hubs in Alcamo, Teramo and Catanzaro.

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Among the charges brought against the suspects are: fraud, fabrication and possession of false documents, used for money laundering. The examining magistrate of Catanzaro, Matteo Ferrante, stated that the suspects used these false documents, including diplomatic cards and passports, in hotels in Italy and abroad. They also used them to pass through police controls and at airports.

The funds obtained from the unsuspecting citizens totaled almost 400,000 euros. This money was sent to a bank account, located in Malta, where a representative of the alleged State who laundered this capital resided.

Persons under house arrest:

1. Damiano Bonventre, from Alcamo
2. Mario Farnesi, born in Viareggio and resident in Todi, former General of the Financial Police (GdF).
3. Liliya Koshuba, born in Uzbekistan and resident in Alcamo
4. Paola Dalle Luche, born in Viareggio and resident in Todi
5. Giuliano Sartoson, a.k.a. Giuliano Medici, of Venice
6. Federico Lombardi, from Livorno
7. Enrico Gambini, from Teramo
8. Emanuele Frasca, born in Imperia and resident in Squillace, former officer of the Carabinieri.
9. Lorella Cofone, from Cosenza
10. Nicola Pistoia, from Catanzaro
11. Roberto Santi, from Sestri Levante
12. Fabricio Barberio, from Catanzaro

Suspected persons, no precautionary measure (yet):

1. ATTARD Charles (Carmelo), resident in Malta .
2. BENEDICTO Graziano from Guardiagrele
3. BRUNO Domenico, known as Mimmo di Tiriolo
4. CASARA Manuel di Malo
5. CHIRCOP Philip of Malta
6. CIAMBRONE Luigi Tommaso, of Catanzaro
7. DENI Silvio, from Crotona
8. LACALANDRA Christian, for Luca
9. LAURIA Baldassare, from Alcamo
10. MARTINO Claudio, from Roma
11. MARTUCCI Luigi Achille, from Solaro Milanese
12. MAZZAGLIA Ana Maria, from Messina
13. PETRELLA Roberto, from Teramo
14. PIATTELLI Aldo, from Rome
15. ROTURA Pierluigi, known as Piero resident of Catanzaro
16. SANTOS Roberto, from Rome
17. VIVA Rocco di Ruffano (Lecce)