

# Tax evasion using tax havens is organised crime

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[Deutsche Welle has reported:](#)

*German Social Democrat leader Sigmar Gabriel has said that tax evasion using havens such as Switzerland constitutes "organized crime in Swiss banks in Germany." He said the banks should be threatened with prosecution.*

The translation looks a little odd, but the sentiment is very clear.

Tax evasion is organised crime.

Lawyers, accountants and bankers organise that crime [on behalf of the world's wealthiest people](#).

Some states, like Switzerland and the UK's tax havens, facilitate that crime, deliberately.

And prosecutions should follow.

The logic is correct, and unassailable.