

World renowned businessman on the run: the unusual story of Nissan's CEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKpPVix9d08&list=PLtfINDh9aY3dwOO3UOh8ZR-7W60X04mlP&index=46>

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- 1) What is underway now?
- 2) What was Ghosn's situation immediately before his escape?
- 3) What legal step did the Japanese authorities take against Ghosn?
- 4) Do you know a specific legal term for this type of activity? (not explicitly mentioned in the video) _____
- 5) What happened on Christmas Day (2019)? Be as detailed as possible
- 6) What is Ghosn's position on his actions?
- 7) What is noteworthy about the due process that he received in Japan?

- 8) What has been issued and by whom? What is the purpose of this legal instrument? Be as detailed as possible

- 9) If he is located in Lebanon, what will likely happen to him? Why?

- 10) What is the position of the interviewed expert on Ghosn's actions?

- 11) What needs to be determined at this point? Legally, what implications could it have for those involved (not explicitly stated in the video but can be implied)?

- 12) According to the interviewed expert, given the Red Notice issued, can he ever leave Lebanon?

Discussion points: What is your position on this case? Is Ghosn a victim or a fugitive from justice? Do you know anything about the Japanese justice system (for instance, the conviction rate)? Does this impact how you view this case? Do you think it is legitimate to question the justice system of other democratic countries? If so, do you believe it is also legitimate to potentially question your own country's justice system (perhaps before international bodies/tribunals)?

Answer key:

- 1) There is an international manhunt underway for Nissan's CEO & Chairman, Carlos Ghosn.
- 2) He was under house arrest for several months.
- 3) He was arrested & charged with funnelling company money for personal gain (financial misconduct generally speaking).
- 4) Embezzlement (of company's funds);
- 5) He skipped bail and boarded a passenger plane, possibly hidden in a musical instrument box belonging to a musical band that performed at his residence.
- 6) He fled injustice and political persecution in Japan.
- 7) He was subjected to interrogation without an attorney and his trial was delayed numerous times until 2021;
- 8) Interpol has issued a Red Notice; a request to all law enforcement agencies worldwide to locate and arrest wanted fugitives; in this case to bring Ghosn back to Japan to stand trial there on the financial misconduct charges;
- 9) Apparently not much; It is unlikely that he will be extradited to Japan as there is no extradition treaty between the two countries;
- 10) He doesn't state clearly: yes, Ghosn escaped from Japan and avoided having to stand trial there on the charges but it is debatable whether he escaped justice or injustice;
- 11) How he was able to escape from Japan and who was involved in it; potentially those who assisted him in the escape could also face criminal charges (aiding & abetting);
- 12) He is also a citizen of Brazil & France so he could apparently travel there, but if he transits through any other country he could be diverted and brought to justice in Japan