



### Sharp increase in Ukrainian displacement

27 June 2014 – United Nations in Ukraine

UNHCR is seeing a rise in displacement in Ukraine. Now it is estimated that 54,400 people are internally displaced, among them 12,000 from Crimea and the rest from the Eastern region. Over the past week, the number of internally displaced increased by over 16,000.

Increases are also being seen in the numbers of Ukrainians in Russia and other countries, although so far only a relatively small number have applied for refugee status. Since the start of the year around 110,000 Ukrainians have arrived in Russia, and 750 have requested asylum in Poland, Belarus, Czech Republic and Romania.

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### Ukrainians actively seeking asylum in Germany

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The number of asylum seekers from Ukraine in Germany significantly increased compared to last year, according to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.

“From January to May this year, 276 Ukrainian citizens filed a petition for asylum in Germany,” said the Office spokesperson Christiane Germann. This five-month figure almost twice exceeds the total number of relevant applications received from Ukrainians by Germany last year. According to the Federal Office for Migration, 152 citizens of Ukraine asked to grant them asylum in Germany in 2013.

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### Ukraine decides on unilateral demarcation of border with Russia

17 June 2014 – Interfax

The National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) of Ukraine ordered the government to carry out the unilateral demarcation of the Ukraine-Russia border in light of existing threats to national security, said NSDC Secretary Andrii Parubii.

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## More Schengen visas issued to Ukrainians

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The latest Schengen visa statistics related to Ukrainian applicants, which have been recently revealed by the European Union, demonstrate overall positive tendencies.

The total number of visas issued (both multiple-entry visas and short term-stays visas C) almost doubled from 2010 (1,198,876 visas) to 2013 (2,133,336 visas).

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## Ukraine may switch to visa-free regime with the EU by the end of the year

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This positive projection was made by EU Ambassador to Ukraine Jan Tombinski. “A final decision [on the transition to the second phase of the action plan] has not yet been made, but I think it will be made in the near future. And if that happens, it will mean that we have very good prospects to switch to the visa-free regime by the end of this year,” Ambassador Tombinski said at an international conference in Kyiv on 12 June.

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## Biometric passports will cost half of current passports’ price– Justice Minister

5 June 2014 – Interfax

Biometric passports will cost 50 per cent less than current passports, Justice Minister Pavlo Petrenko has stated.

“In accordance with the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers that the production of biometric passports will occur at the *Ukraina* state printing plant, the cost of passports will be reduced by 40-50 per cent,” Mr. Petrenko told journalists during a visit to the Centre of Administrative Services in Kyiv.

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## Honorary consulates of Austria and Slovenia opened in Odesa

27 June 2014 – Odesa News

Honorary consulates of Austria and Slovenia opened in Odesa on 26 June. Duties of the Honorary Consul of Slovenia were assigned to the entrepreneur Vladislav Burda, and the entrepreneur Andrew Stavnytsera became Honorary Consul of Austria.

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## Experts from the Eastern Neighbourhood and EU Member States discussed countering migrant smuggling

15 June 2014 – Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum

The two-day Panel meeting was co-organized on 10-11 June in Vilnius by Lithuania and Belarus and brought together various representatives of government agencies, academia, civil society and international organizations. Innovative measures and national practices in terms of combatting human smuggling were discussed and shared by the participants and also presented through the discussion paper prepared by IOM.

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