



Ukrainian MPs propose simplifying employment of foreigners

10 May 2019 – Ukrinform

A group of Ukrainian people's deputies has registered bill No. 10272 introducing amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine to overcome and prevent the negative consequences of mass labour migration of Ukrainians abroad. "The purpose of the bill is... to overcome the crisis with a shortage of employees in Ukraine by regulating the work of companies engaged in the employment of Ukrainians abroad, liberalizing procedures and rules of employment in Ukraine for foreign citizens and stateless persons," the explanatory note to the document reads.

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Japan provides USD 2.8 mln to support conflict-affected population in Ukraine

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In 2019, the Government of Japan, the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations system in Ukraine continue partnership in addressing humanitarian needs and support recovery in conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine. In this regard, USD 2.8 million of assistance provided by the Government of Japan will be used to address humanitarian needs, support vulnerable groups of population and recovery of eastern regions in Ukraine.

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Attacks on schools quadruple in conflict-hit eastern Ukraine

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Schoolchildren in conflict-hit eastern Ukraine have suffered a four-fold increase in attacks on schools during the first four months of the year, compared to the same period in 2018, traumatizing students and putting them at risk of injury or death, UNICEF said.

Between January and April 2019, there were 12 attacks on schools, compared to three incidents during the same period last year. Since the start of eastern Ukraine's five-year conflict, more than 750 educational facilities on both sides have been damaged or destroyed due to hostilities.

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Switzerland sends humanitarian supplies to Ukraine conflict zone

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A convoy of 21 trucks bearing water treatment chemicals started arriving in the conflict-riven city of Donetsk in eastern Ukraine on 27 May. The delivery is part of an ongoing Swiss effort to provide humanitarian aid for people living in the disputed region.

The aluminium sulphate will be used to provide safe water for four million people for the next 12 months, the Swiss Government said. It is the 10th such convoy to reach the conflict zone since 2015.

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Putin expands list of Ukrainians, others eligible for fast-track Russian passports

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree expanding the list of Ukrainians and citizens of some other countries eligible for fast-tracked Russian passports. The list included Ukrainians who once lived in Ukraine's Crimea region before it was annexed by Russia in 2014, and citizens of Iraq, Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan who were born in Russia during the Soviet era.

An earlier Kremlin decree, simplifying the procedure for obtaining a Russian passport for residents of the non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, was signed by Putin on April 24. That earlier initiative drew a strong rebuke from the European Union.

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Ukraine, Mexico prepare for visa-free regime

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Ukraine and Mexico started preparing for the bilateral visa-free regime, the press office of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry reported. Bilateral consultations took place; the parties analyzed the state and perspective of the cooperation in visa and migration sector.

“The visa-free regime will give a strong impetus to the development of multipronged, bilateral cooperation, primarily touristic, trade and economic, investing, scientific and cultural, and other spheres,” the message reads.

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Tattoos without borders: Ukrainian artist mapping migration

26 May 2019 – The Guardian

In Ukraine there is a tradition before embarking on a journey. Once all the bags are packed and the last-minute checks are complete, someone will suggest, “Shall we sit?” Those gathered will pause for a moment in silence, heads bowed, to acknowledge the present before entering the unknown.

It is this custom that Ukraine-born artist Stanislava Pinchuk borrows for her curatorial debut at Melbourne’s Immigration Museum, part of the larger Our Bodies, Our Voices, Our Marks exhibition. In her solo exhibition of prints at the museum, Immigration Granulation, she mapped the migration journeys of her friends on their bodies.

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