



## Number of IDPs from Donbas exceeds 1.2 mln people – UN

21 April 2015 – Ukrinform

The total number of people, who fled their homes as a result of the hostilities in Donbas, has exceeded 1.2 million. More than half of them are staying in other regions of Ukraine, Radio Liberty reports, with reference to the situation report by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

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## UNDP, UNICEF, IOM, and Government of Japan expand assistance programmes to support IDPs and boost social and economic recovery in Eastern Ukraine

30 April 2015 – UN in Ukraine

The Government of Japan, the Government of Ukraine, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the IFRC together with Ukrainian Red Cross Society expanded existing assistance programmes by launching new projects to support internally displaced people (IDPs) and boost social and economic recovery in conflict-affected areas in Eastern Ukraine.

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## Government of Ukraine changes rules of foreigners' stay in Ukraine

08 April 2015 – UNIAN

The Government of Ukraine has regulated issues related to the duration of foreigners' temporary stay in Ukraine by introducing rules with the starting point for counting days of stay. Foreigners and persons without citizenship from countries enjoying visa-free entry into Ukraine will be able to stay in Ukraine for up to 90 days within any 180-day period, i.e. one should count 180 days backward from each day of stay (or a day of entry or passing border controls). This means that a foreigner or a person without citizenship can legitimately stay in Ukraine without violating the migration rules if he or she spends not more than 90 days within a 180-day period in Ukraine.

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## President of Ukraine demands additional protection for Crimean Tatars

06 April 2015 – Ukrinform

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko has urged the Constitutional Commission to ensure the

protection of Crimean Tatars' rights. Speaking of the need to improve the constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens, the President has addressed the Constitutional Commission with a proposal to guarantee the protection of rights of Crimean Tatars as indigenous people of Ukraine, ensure preservation and development of their ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious identity, the presidential press service informed.

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## **President of Ukraine to initiate amendments to migration law to ease Ukrainian citizenship rules for Russians persecuted in Russia**

15 April 2015 – Interfax

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko plans to put forward proposals to amend Ukrainian migration laws to liberalize the procedure granting Ukrainian citizenship and political asylum to Russian citizens who are being persecuted in Russia, the presidential press service has reported.

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## **EU and IOM support Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine with migration management reforms**

23 April 2015 – IOM Ukraine

On 23 April, representatives of migration authorities of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine gathered in Kyiv to share best practices of migration management reforms in the context of their visa-free and migration dialogue with the European Union, and to summarize the achievements in this respect of the EU-funded MIGRECO project.

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## **IOM actively supports the efforts of Ukrainian Government to implement EU-Ukraine Visa Liberalization Action Plan**

06 April 2015 – IOM Ukraine

As Ukraine continues its preparations for the May 2015 Eastern Partnership summit in Riga, Latvia, which is expected to tackle the issue of visa-free travel for citizens of Ukraine to the EU, IOM held two events aimed to assist the Ukrainian Government in its efforts to transfer the legislative and administrative reforms related to the Visa Liberalization Action Plan (VLAP) from paper to practice.

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## Lithuania temporarily stops granting asylum to Ukrainians

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Lithuania has decided to temporarily stop granting asylum to citizens of Ukraine, waiting for the decisions taken by the Ukrainian authorities, who intend to create favorable conditions for refugees from Donbas and Crimea.

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## Ukrainians get visa-free regime with Chile

24 April 2015 – Ukrinform

Chile has become the 25th country to establish a visa-free regime with Ukraine. Ukraine and Chile signed the agreement on terms for mutual trips of citizens, according to which Ukrainians and Chileans may stay in territory of the respective state without visas for up to 90 days within six months. The document was signed by Foreign Minister of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile to Ukraine (concurrently) Juan Eduardo Eguiguren in Kyiv on 24 April.

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## EUBAM opens new liaison office in Chisinau

09 April 2015 – EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

The European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) has opened a Liaison Office in Moldova, aiming to improve, monitor and assist on border and customs control measures and procedures in line with the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, the Deep and Comprehensive Trade Agreement and the Visa Liberalization Action Plan.

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