



UN: Ukraine ranked ninth in the world by number of internally displaced persons

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More than 1.3 million people are now internally displaced in Ukraine, meaning it has the ninth largest internally displaced population in the world, according to new figures from the United Nations. The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) also reported that some 890,000 people have fled to neighboring countries, adding that people continue to leave their homes to escape the war. In addition, the UN noted that due to active hostilities in Luhansk and Donetsk regions, humanitarian organizations are not able to deliver assistance to local residents. In particular, the staff of the World Food Programme was unable to deliver 56,000 food rations intended for the civilian population. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also reported that funding for humanitarian operations in Ukraine remains critically low: only 31% of USD 316 million required for 2015 has been committed or contributed.

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Number of displaced persons in Ukraine increases

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As of 22 June 2015, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine officially registered 1,345,100 displaced persons or 1,057,132 families from the Donbas and Crimea. This number has increased by 3,540 people or 2,529 families over one week, the Governmental portal reported. "409,346 families have applied for financial allowance. In total, UAH 1.43 billion has been allocated for the needs of displaced persons," the statement said.

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About 5,500 Ukrainians apply for asylum in EU

18 June 2015 – Ukrinform

About 5,500 Ukrainian citizens applied for asylum in the European Union in the first quarter of 2015, [Eurostat reports](#). The number of Ukrainian citizens amounted to 3% among 185,000 of those who seek asylum in the EU member states. The most popular countries for asylum seekers from all over the world in the EU were Germany and Hungary. The majority of Ukrainian asylum-seekers arrived to Poland (630 persons), Spain (190), the Czech Republic (175) and Portugal (125).

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IOM expands support for displaced, conflict-affected in Ukraine

09 June 2015 – IOM

IOM is to launch new projects to help vulnerable, conflict-affected people in Ukraine's Donbas region and others forcibly displaced from the area by clashes between government and separatist forces. The initiative follows new contributions of USD 4.5 million to IOM Ukraine's humanitarian response operation from the US, Canada, Norway and Lithuania and will target the immediate and long term needs of vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) and affected communities.

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Eastern Partnership Migration and Asylum Panel looks at IDPs problem in Ukraine

11 June 2015 – EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

The issues of internally displaced persons (IDPs), including their registration and integration, were the focus of a meeting of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum, held in Kyiv on 4-5 June. The meeting, co-hosted by Ukraine and the Czech Republic, brought together representatives from EU Member States, Eastern Partnership countries, academia and international organizations to compare practices and approaches to solving the issues of IDPs. The meeting covered legal concepts and policy frameworks related to the IDPs, current developments in Ukraine, and international approaches to registration of internally displaced and mobile populations. Registration and integration of internally displaced persons remains a challenge, a press release said.

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Government of Ukraine approved the procedure for entering Crimea

08 June 2015 – Ukraine Online

The Government of Ukraine approved the order on entering the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine and exit from it, in accordance with legislation that Ukrainian Parliament adopted in April of 2014. According to the law, in order to enter Crimea, foreigners and stateless persons require a special permit, issued by the State Migration Service. The citizens of Ukraine can enter Crimea and to leave the peninsula by internal or foreign passport and other documents provided by law. The Government of Ukraine also identified crossing points for border and customs control. There will be three crossing points for auto transport – Kalanchak, Chaplin, Chonhar; and four points for the trains – Kherson, Melitopol, Vadim, Novoalekseevka.

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War did not lead to hate crime increase in Ukraine, – expert

15 June 2015 – Institute of Human Rights and Prevention of Extremism and Xenophobia

The number of xenophobia-driven crimes in Ukraine remains at the same level. The data of the National Minority Rights Monitoring Group and the Congress of National Communities of Ukraine indicate that the level of xenophobia in Ukraine did not increase, ZN.ua informs. "Since 2006, the situation with the hate crimes significantly stabilized. 24 cases in 2014 (25 cases in 2015) indicate a significantly lower level in comparison with 88 cases in 2007 and 24 cases in 2008," the Head of the National Minority Rights Monitoring Group Viacheslav Likhachev emphasized.

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Ukraine to connect border crossings to Interpol monitoring system

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Ukrainian Prime Minister Arsenii Yatseniuk informed that as early as in September the electronic control system of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine will be linked with the Interpol systems to trace criminals. The statement was made at a ceremony to mark the handing over of the border protection technical equipment worth EUR 7 million from the EU to Ukraine. The head of Ukrainian Government noted that the security of Ukraine's borders is a key factor for visa-free regime between Ukraine and the EU.

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IOM signs Cooperation Action Plan with the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

26 June 2015 – IOM Ukraine

IOM Ukraine's Chief of Mission Manfred Profazi and First Deputy Head of the State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine Vasyl Servatyuk have signed an Action Plan of Key Cooperation Activities between the SBGS and IOM for 2015-2016 today. Among the action points are the introduction of anti-corruption standards into human resources management and on-the-job training of the SBGS staff, capacity building for the SBGS southern and south-eastern units, fostering e-governance with the SBGS, etc. Lieutenant-general Vasyl Servatyuk thanked the IOM team for an active cooperation with SBGS, which he described as very important for the Ukrainian border guards.

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Ukraine, Japan simplify visa regime

08 June 2015 – Ukrinform

In the near future, Ukraine and Japan will implement a number of steps to simplify the visa regime between the countries, President Petro Poroshenko stated at a joint briefing with Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe. "We have considered in detail the ways to simplify the visa regime for Ukrainian citizens who travel to Japan. We have agreed to perform the first important steps in this direction in the near future," the President said.

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EU launches consultation on labour migration: contributions sought from both inside and outside the EU

15 June 2015 – EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

The European Commission has launched an [online public consultation](#) on the EU Blue Card and its labour migration policies, as part of the first package of measures in follow-up to the [European Agenda on Migration](#), adopted on 13 May. The consultation is open to all citizens, organizations and third-country nationals, both inside and outside the EU, with a deadline to submit contributions of 21 August.

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