



Parliament of Ukraine approved law on internally displaced persons

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The Ukrainian Parliament has passed a law on the rights and freedoms of internally displaced persons. The law provides for functioning of the state registry of temporarily displaced persons. The registration of displaced persons should facilitate their access to employment, salary, pension and temporary housing, the Prime Minister Arsenii Yatsenyuk stressed.

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IOM expands its assistance to displaced people in Ukraine

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With winter swiftly approaching, IOM will extend its support to 4,000 more displaced people among the most vulnerable in Ukraine. The activities are currently funded by Switzerland, the U.S. and Norway. By the end of September, there were already 300,000 displaced people from Eastern Ukraine and Crimea, according to the Ukrainian State Emergency Service. IOM is targeting the most vulnerable among them in 13 regions of Ukraine hosting over 65 per cent of the displaced population.

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Over 800,000 people forced to flee over conflict in east Ukraine, – UNHCR

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The conflict in eastern Ukraine has forced at least 824,000 people to leave their homes, according to a report by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) published on 24 October.

Of this number, 430,000 are internally displaced persons, which is 170,000 more than in early September. Yet another 387,000 Ukrainians fled to Russia, and 6,600 have asked for political asylum in the European Union and 581 in Belarus. The UNHCR stressed that residents of the Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhia regions are in most need of humanitarian aid.

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About 50,000 jobs available to internally displaced persons, – Social Policy Minister

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The State Employment Service of Ukraine is ready to offer about 50,000 job openings to internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Ukraine's East and Crimea, Social Policy Minister Liudmyla Denysova stated.

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Prime Minister announces conditions for provision of state assistance to displaced persons

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Financial assistance to able-bodied working-age displaced persons will be provided only after they are registered at the State Employment Centre, Prime Minister of Ukraine Arsenii Yatseniuk announced on 1 October.

"We resolve to provide state aid for six months to these people. For each person, who is not able to earn, monthly aid is UAH 884. For every person able to work it is half of this amount. If a person wants to receive government assistance, he or she should come to the Employment Centre and register in order to get a job," Mr. Yatseniuk said.

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Ukraine, Romania signed small border traffic agreement

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The agreement regulates the frequent crossing of the Romania–Ukraine state border by the residents of Romania's or Ukraine's border area who plan to remain in the border area of the other state, mainly for social, cultural, family or economic-justified reasons, for a period not exceeding three months of uninterrupted stay.

The agreement applies to the inhabitants of an area of 30 kilometres on both sides of the common border, an area that can be extended to maximum 50 kilometres from the border in the case of the administrative-territorial units located beyond the 30 kilometre limit.

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Poland changed visa applications rules

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Starting from 15 October, Poland has changed its [visa application rules](#). From now on, applicants for a short-term-Polish visa will be required to submit documents confirming their employment, availability of funds and hotel booking.

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U.S. Green Card Lottery scam group nabbed in Ukraine

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Ukrainian investigators in cooperation with American authorities have nabbed a group involved in the U.S. Green Card Lottery scam.

The Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs informed on 2 October that the group used personal data of Ukrainian citizens in the U.S. congressionally mandated annual lottery programme, Diversity Immigrant Visa, without their knowledge. After receiving the lottery results, the group sold the winners' codes to the unknowing winners for up to USD 12,000 each. Those who were not able to pay had to give up their property for the group. Accomplices later met the lottery winners in the United States, depriving them

of their immigration documents and organizing their employment to low-paid jobs.

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In 2013 Ukrainians received more EU residence permits than other foreigners

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In 2013, the EU member states issued 2.36 million of residence permits to foreigners, which is 12 per cent more than in 2012. 237,000 of them were issued to Ukrainians, mainly in Poland.

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