



## Number of internally displaced Ukrainians nears one million

27 January 2015 – KyivPost

A total of 942,748 internally displaced people have been registered in Ukraine as of January 26, says Maryna Vorona, the deputy head of the department for social protection of internally displaced persons at the Ukrainian Ministry of Social Policy.

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## Temporary procedure for entering/leaving rebel-controlled area in eastern Ukraine updated by Security Service

24 January 2015 – KyivPost

The Security Service of Ukraine has posted on its website the updated temporary procedure for entering/leaving the territory in the eastern part of Ukraine that is not under control of Ukrainian authorities by Ukrainian citizens and foreigners (stateless persons).

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## Europe increases its humanitarian aid to Ukraine

26 January 2015 – European Neighbourhood Info Centre

The EU is increasing its humanitarian assistance in Ukraine, pledging an additional €15 million in humanitarian assistance as the latest surge of violence deepens an already desperate situation, with thousands suffering from the combined impact of the conflict, displacement, extreme poverty and the harsh winter.

The funds will address basic needs in Mariupol and the other areas affected by the conflict, covering daily necessities, such as shelter, food, water, healthcare, and warm clothing. They bring the EU emergency and early recovery aid, including contributions from Member States, to €95 million.

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## Activists urge international conference on security of Crimean Tatars

19 January 2015 – Interfax

The second all-Crimean conference on the protection of Crimean Tatar rights has urged the Ukrainian authorities to initiate an international conference on Crimean Tatar security with the support of the UN in April. Conference participants believe that ensuring the rights of Ukrainian citizens living in Crimea and recognizing the Crimean Tatars as an indigenous people of Ukraine must become a main task of Ukrainian state policy.

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## Ukrainians still can enter Russia with internal passports – Russian migration service

17 January 2015 – Interfax

Russian migration service chief Konstantin Romodanovsky has said the new rule requiring Ukrainian citizens to enter Russia using only foreign passports has been put off at the request of Ukrainian citizens.

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## 15 per cent increase in Polish visa issuance to Ukrainians

17 January 2015 – Ukrinform

In 2014, the Polish consular offices in Ukraine issued more than 831 thousand visas to Ukrainians, which is 15 per cent more than in 2013. The rate of visa refusals was 2.66 per cent (over 22 thousand).

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## EUBAM increases staff at Transnistrian stretch of Ukrainian-Moldovan border to allay security concerns

06 January 2015 – EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

The number of border guard and customs experts of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) deployed at the central Transnistrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian border has increased by 63 per cent, from 19 to 31 experts, since the beginning of December. This reflects a major concern that the unresolved Transnistrian challenge poses for Moldova, Ukraine and the European Union, a press release said.

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## Ukraine plans to issue 2.5 million biometric passports annually

15 January 2015 – Europe without Barriers

Ukraine began issuing biometric passports, as Prime Minister Arsenii Yatseniuk unveiled plans to issue 2.5 million passports annually. The move has been a long time coming, with the Ukrainian State Migration Service announcing back in early 2013 its plans to complete all the work required to issue biometric passports by 2016.

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## EU supports new training for customs officials from Belarus and Ukraine

19 January 2015 – EU Neighbourhood Info Centre

A group of 20 customs officials from Belarus and Ukraine take part in training on the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and New Computerized Transit System under PRINEX, an EU-funded project supporting the customs authorities of Belarus and Ukraine.

The training course is organized in Minsk from 21-23 January 2015, by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), which oversees PRINEX's training component, and with experts from the Customs Board of Latvia.

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