



On World Humanitarian Day, United Nations calls for the protection of civilians in eastern Ukraine

19 August 2018 – UN in Ukraine

On the 10th commemoration of World Humanitarian Day, the United Nations Office in Ukraine calls for urgent action to protect millions of Ukrainian civilians severely affected by ongoing active hostilities in the east of the country. The United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine, Ms. Osnat Lubrani, urges increased support by the international community to scale up much-needed humanitarian assistance to respond to the large-scale humanitarian needs generated by the crisis.

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More Ukrainians suffer from human traffickers

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As of the end of March 2018, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, Mission in Ukraine, recorded 270 cases of human trafficking. Altogether, over 230,000 Ukrainians have been victims of human trafficking since 1991. "Many men, who still think that human trafficking is mostly a problem for females, are much less aware of the risks related to labour trafficking," said Thomas Lothar Weiss, IOM Ukraine Chief of Mission. IOM says that 65 per cent of all human trafficking cases involve Russia, followed by Poland and Turkey.

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Lithuania allocates EUR 50,000 in humanitarian aid to Ukraine

02 July 2018 – The Baltic Times

Lithuania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the money would be transferred to IOM, the UN Migration Agency, assisting displaced persons from the conflict-affected area in eastern Ukraine. "With this action, we continue contributing to the implementation of the plan for humanitarian aid to Ukraine, announced by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The plan aims at allocating 187 million U.S. dollars in 2018," the Ministry said.

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Ukraine may face influx of irregular migrants – border guard chief

10 July 2018 – UNIAN

Petro Tsyhykal, Head of the Ukrainian Border Guard Service, said Ukraine may face the problem of a sharp influx of irregular migrants against EU toughening its policies on combating irregular migration. More than 2,000 migrants have been denied entry to Ukraine over the six months of this year, which is 400 people more than in 2017. Almost 420 migrants were detained for irregular border crossing in January–June 2018, while more than 1,000 people violated rules of stay.

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Ukraine and Serbia mutually increase visa-free stay period

3 July 2018 – The President of Ukraine

During the official visit of President Petro Poroshenko to Serbia, the amendments to the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of Serbia regarding the waiving of visa requirements were signed. The updated agreement provides for the increase in the period of visa-free stay of citizens from 30 to 90 days within 180 days. The main objective is to facilitate the travelling of citizens of both countries, which will contribute to the development of tourism, intensification of contacts in the economic, cultural, humanitarian and other spheres.

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One in five Polish companies employs Ukrainian workers – study

25 August 2018 – Radio Poland

Twenty-one per cent of Polish employers say they hire Ukrainian workers, a new study has found. Half a year ago the figure stood at 11 per cent, according to a research conducted by the recruitment company Personnel Service, the Employers of Poland organization and the State Employment Service of Ukraine. Meanwhile, 17 per cent of employers said they were planning to take on workers from neighbouring countries east of Poland in the near future, *Gazeta Prawna* daily reported. Around one million Ukrainians are expected to travel to Poland for work over the next two years, according to the study.

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Three million biometric foreign passports issued in Ukraine this year

4 August 2018 – UNIAN

Over three million biometric foreign passports have been issued in Ukraine since early 2018, the State Migration Service of Ukraine reported on its Facebook. Over 440,000 foreign passports have been issued in July only.

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Over 3.2 million Ukrainians work abroad on permanent basis – Minister of Social Policy

3 July 2018 – Interfax - Ukraine

Minister of Social Policy Andrii Reva has said that more than 3.2 million Ukrainian citizens are employed abroad on a permanent basis. He also added that according to the estimates up to nine million Ukrainian citizens are engaged in seasonal labour migration.

According to Minister Reva, current problems of Ukraine's labour market are high unemployment among young people, large shadow employment and disproportion between the supply and demand for skilled labour.

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Economic integration of migrants: three pillars relevant for Ukraine

24 July 2018 – Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management

Cooperation with the host countries where Ukrainian migrants choose to stay and work should be given the highest priority in the implementation of Ukraine's migration policy, states Olena Malynovska, D. Sc. in public administration at the National Institute for Strategic Studies (Ukraine). The article by Ms. Malynovska on the problem of economic integration of migrants in the Ukrainian context has been recently published at the Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management website. The article explains what has been done earlier by the Ukrainian State in order to address economic integration of migrants, provides advice and highlights the role of international organizations in improving migrants' wellbeing.

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