



President of Ukraine called on the UN to deploy a peacekeeping mission to the Donbas

26 September 2018 – President of Ukraine

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko is confident that a UN-mandated multinational peacekeeping operation with the goal to restore Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity could be a decisive factor in ending sufferings of Ukrainian people. It was stated by President Poroshenko during the General Debate at the high-level event on Action for Peacekeeping within the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.

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Kyiv notifies Moscow of non-extension of friendship treaty

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The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry forwarded a note to the Russian Federation to notify it of the non-extension of the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation, and Partnership between the two countries. The treaty, signed in 1997, outlines the principles of strategic partnership, inviolability of existing borders, respect for territorial integrity, and mutual obligation not to use the other country's territory to jeopardize its security.

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Ukraine and Uruguay signed visa-free agreement

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Uruguay became another country with which Ukraine concluded a visa-free agreement. The agreement was signed by Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Pavlo Klimkin, and his Uruguayan counterpart, Rodolfo Nin Novoa, during the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York. The agreement allows citizens of Ukraine and Uruguay to stay in the other country for up to 90 days. Ukraine signed such agreements with more than 80 countries and negotiates visa-free travel with about 20 other states.

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Ukraine approves agreement with Georgia on trips using ID-cards

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The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the draft agreement with Georgia on the trips of the citizens of both countries using ID-cards. The agreement provides that the citizens of Ukraine will be able to visit Georgia on the basis of their internal passports in the form of ID-cards which contain the contactless electronic medium. It is expected that the implementation of the agreement will stipulate the increase in tourism and of the incomes to the state and local budgets.

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Supreme Court Chamber cancels ban on passports in a book form

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Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine cancelled the ban on issuance of passports in a form of a book instead of ID-card, according to the press office of the Supreme Court. Besides, it was noted that the Chamber made this decision before considering a complaint of Zhytomyr resident against the exemplary decision of the Cassation Administrative Court of the Supreme Court. The decision of the Cassation Administrative Court did not let her refuse from ID-card due to the religious convictions and get a book passport instead. The Chamber satisfied her complaint and cancelled this decision. Therefore, the judges obligated the State Migration Service to issue a Ukrainian passport for the citizen in the form of a book.

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Over 2,400 irregular migrants revealed in Ukraine over month

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Up to 2,500 violators of the migration legislation were revealed in Ukraine within a month when a joint operation of the State Migration Service, National Police and State Border Guard Service on prevention of irregular migration and other violations of Ukraine's legislation in the migration sphere was conducted.

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Ukraine and Turkey agreed to cooperate against terrorism, migrant smuggling and human trafficking

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Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Arsen Avakov, and his Turkish counterpart, Suleyman Soyly, signed in Ankara a joint declaration on cooperation in combating cybercrime, terrorism, illegal trafficking of migrants and human trafficking. Both parties believe that the declaration will further improve cooperation between states.

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Ukraine's Consulate General opened in Edmonton, Canada

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Ukraine's Consulate General was opened in Edmonton, the capital of the Canadian province of Alberta. The province of Alberta is home to more than 350,000 Canadians of Ukrainian descent. The new consulate will also service other provinces of Western Canada – Saskatchewan, British Columbia, as well as Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

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Over 100 Ukrainians in Italian jails for transporting migrants

31 August 2018 – Interfax

As of August 2018, over 100 Ukrainian citizens were arrested in Italy. Most of them were imprisoned for illegally transporting migrants. According to Liudmyla Denisova, the Verkhovna Rada's Ombudswoman for Human Rights, several people have been recognized as victims of human trafficking.

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