

Name of article: Ukraine will help migrants to return home "voluntarily"

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There is a Programme on assistance in migrants' voluntary return home in Volyn' in the temporary accommodation centre active for the foreigners.

It is realized in the frames of activity of International Organization for Migration in Ukraine (IOM) with assistance of Administration of MOI in Volyn' region jointly with social organization "Volyn' prospects". The programme aims at improving the variants of ordered, safety and worthy return of the migrants who does not have legal grounds to stay at the territory of Ukraine, illegal migrants who are in difficult economic conditions and persons who are rejected in granting a refugee status. The means for implementation of the planned activities are presented by European Commission. As it was informed by the head of the Centre Yuriy Berezynskyi, Programme is based on the personal wish of the man.

there are about 39 persons in the Centre of temporary accommodation of the foreigners and persons without citizenship staying in Ukraine on illegal grounds, almost all of them want to return to their motherland: to Vietnam, Palestine, Somali, Georgia, Iraq, Sri Lanka, etc. For the period of Programme realization (it is about 3 months) 3 citizens of Pakistan and one citizen of Afghanistan were sent successfully back home. Three more illegal migrants will have a fly back to their relatives and close persons during the nearest days.

The chairman of management SO "Volyn' prospects" Nina Pahomjuk remarked that procedure on aid receiving is rather uneasy, for the illegal migrants are not able to use "free travel" back home. At first the representatives of IOM or Non Governmental Organizations interview the applicant in order to define his correspondence with the criteria of Programme. The next step is to receive travel documents. The obligatory stage is to make medical examination of illegal migrant. It is necessary to be convinced of the fact that during the trip there will not be any problems with health.

As it was announced, since 2007 in Ukraine Programme on assistance in voluntary return of the migrants is realized by 5 NGO in Mukachevo, Chernigov, Odessa, Kharkov and already in Lutsk. Thanks to cooperation with embassies, regional migration services, State Border Service, Ministry of Interior, Community of Migrants, social units have created a clear mechanism of redirection of migrants who get into trouble at the territory of Ukraine. That is why, in the result of participation in Programme 210 migrants safely made their way back home.

According to statistic data of International Organization for Migration, most part of illegal migrants reach Ukraine, they are from Asia (41%), the Middle East (19%), countries of CIS (17%), Africa (14%).