

Refugees File Suit Against Berlin Registration Center



Berlin, October 13 (RHC)-- A group of 20 refugees have filed a complaint against Berlin's main migrant registration center for failing to register them promptly so they could get essential benefits. The group took the case against Lageso registration center to the social court on Monday, complaining that despite waiting for a week, they were still not registered.

A court spokesman said the refugees were seeking to "put pressure on the authorities" to help them receive social benefits, including a bed in the refugee center, as weather is getting cold. The court would issue a ruling in the coming days, he added.

Germany is expecting to receive between 800,000 and a million refugees this year, with Chancellor Angela Merkel saying the country "can do it." Local authorities, however, have repeatedly said they are not ready to deal with the massive influx of refugees.

In a related development, the head of the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) said on Monday that the European Union's current relocation scheme for refugees is "not enough" to address the scope of the problem.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said the current EU scheme to share out 160,000 refugees from Italy and Greece over the next two years had to be broadened and "more legal opportunities" had to be provided to refugees.



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