

Poland Rejects Migrants from Middle East and North Africa



Warsaw, August 8 (RHC)-- Poland is ready to accept migrants from Europe, but not from the Middle East or North Africa, according to the Polish Foreign Ministry.

The Polish government has said the country is open for migration, pointing to more than one million visas issued for Ukrainians, half of which were work permits. Immigrants from Belarus and other European countries were granted entry visas, but reportedly those from Syria and Libya were refused.

Reports from Warsaw said that since only approximately half of the Ukrainians were accepted by Poland to enter the workforce, the other half was likely admitted in accordance with demographic requirements.

The Polish foreign ministry did not disclose which skill or professional deficit the Ukrainians and Belarusians were filling. Nor did it clarify the rejection of Middle Eastern and North African migrants regarding their qualification to fill those gaps nor the implication they would not suit the demography.

Poland, which was being led by the Civic Platform political party, agreed to take in 6,200 refugees, mainly Syrians. But, after a parliamentary election last year, Poland's Eurosceptic Law and Justice party came to power. The new government promptly rejected the previous party's commitment to accept those migrants.

The European Commission brought a lawsuit against Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary in mid-June, accusing the three countries violating the EU legislation by refusing to accept refugees under the 2015 relocation plan.

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