

Finland considers closing border with Russia amid spike in asylum seekers

PM Petteri Orpo claims Russian border guards transported migrants to the Finnish border.

Finland's government said on Tuesday that Russia has recently been allowing asylum seekers to enter its territory without the necessary travel documents, calling it an "international crime."

According to the Finnish border service, 91 undocumented migrants, many lacking visas, have arrived in Finland and applied for asylum since August; they are nationals of third countries who were transiting Russia, the authorities added. While the country's interior ministry acknowledged in a Tuesday statement that the numbers are relatively low, it underlined that they have spiked within a short period.

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