

Russia Sends Labor Migrants from Central Asia to War in Ukraine

News:

Raids on places in Russia where labor migrant workers are concentrated are being continued without stop, which began in middle of May of this year. It is no secret that raids are carried out using brute physical force, accompanied by humiliation of the honor and dignity of Muslims, insulting their sanctities - social networks are filled with various scandalous videos from the raid sites.

Comment:

Against the backdrop of problems at the front in the war with Ukraine, Russia has an acute shortage of “cannon fodder”, so during raids they now seek not foreign citizens, but, on the contrary, men who have recently received Russian citizenship and have not registered for military service; this category of immigrants in which security forces immediately take them into custody, military departments and enlistment offices or hand over a summons to the army on the spot.

Thus, on September 8, in several Russian cities, after Friday prayers in mosques, police officers closed the exits and checked the documents of parishioners. Videos sent by Radio Ozodi readers show several migrants running away from police officers. According to migrants, police raids have recently been aimed at identifying “new citizens” of the Russian Federation. Thus, if previously having a Russian passport was a privilege for a migrant - a person was exempt from paying a labor patent and was not afraid of checks and raids, now a Russian passport has begun to pose a mortal threat to its owner.

Thus, against the backdrop of a series of failures in the war with Ukraine, the Russian regime is simultaneously trying to postpone mobilization for as long as possible, filling the need of men at the front with labor migrants who have Russian citizenship. It should be noted that the campaign to force migrants to fight through humiliating raids is widely covered both in the media and in pro-Kremlin Telegram channels, activating nationalist sentiments among the Russian population of the country. Such incitement to hatred has in turn led to an increase in cases of harassment against Muslim women on the streets of Russian cities.

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