

## Peskov: There are few of us, we need migrants

### News:

Russia needs labor migrants from other countries for the dynamic development of the country. This was stated by the press secretary of the Russian president Dmitry Peskov in an interview with RIA Novosti. **"Migrants are a necessity. The fact is that we have a very tense demographic situation. We live in the largest country in the world, but there are few of us. In order for us to develop dynamically, to implement all development plans, of course, we need workers. We only welcome them"**, - he noted.

### Comment:

Let us recall that after the attack in the Crocus City Hall near Moscow in March 2024, for which people from Tajikistan were accused, a large-scale anti-migrant campaign began in Russia. Moreover, with the approval of the Kremlin, even nationalist groups took part in it, which cannot be explained from the point of view of Russian legislation. In addition, the authorities took measures to tighten the rules for the entry and stay of labor migrants in the Russian Federation.

One of such restrictions, which came into force on November 7, is the procedure of genomic registration, i.e. DNA collection. According to human rights activists, genomic registration opens up new opportunities for abuses by law enforcement agencies. In the North Caucasian republics, DNA collection from observant Muslims has long been practiced, which has opened the door to fabricating criminal cases against them under terrorist articles of the criminal code. Considering the fact that labor migrants from Central Asia are the most vulnerable category of people to the lawlessness of the security forces, for whom even their own governments do not stand up, human rights activists predict a serious surge in the fabrication of criminal cases against them.

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