
AU 'DISTURBED' BY REPORTS AFRICANS STOPPED FROM ESCAPING UKRAINE

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The African Union (AU) says it is disturbed by reports that African nationals in Ukraine are been prevented from safely crossing the border to flee the raging conflict in the country.

In a statement late Monday, the pan-African body said: [A]ll people have the right to cross international borders during conflict, and as such, should enjoy the same rights to cross to safety from the conflict in Ukraine, notwithstanding their nationality or racial identity.

African nationals, mostly students, have accused Ukrainian security forces of stopping them from boarding trains headed to the border regions. Videos shared on social media also show Ukrainian border forces pushing African nationals as they attempt to leave Ukraine.

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