

Regarding the Declaration of Emergency Situation

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Taking into consideration the huge increase in the number of cases of illegal crossing of the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia and also observing the number of cases of illegal crossing of the state border of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Byelorussia, the emergency situation shall be declared from 11 August 2021 to 10 November 2021 in the following administrative territories:

- ① Ludza municipality;
- ② Krāslava municipality;
- ③ Augšdaugava municipality;
- ④ the city of Daugavpils.

The National Armed Forces and the State Police shall provide assistance to the State Border Guard for ensuring border surveillance of the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia in order to prevent the illegal crossing of the border.

The State Border Guard, the National Armed Forces, and the State Police shall use the means and procedures at their disposal in order to prevent persons from the illegal crossing of the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia.

Upon establishing that the person has illegally crossed the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia, the State Border Guard, the National Armed Forces, and the State Police shall order the abovementioned person to return to the country from which the person crossed the border and shall perform the required measures to ascertain that the person complies with such an order.

Upon establishing that the person has illegally crossed the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia, the State Border Guard has the right to apply physical force and special means in order for the person to immediately return to the country from which he or she illegally crossed the state border.

It shall be determined that the submissions of persons regarding granting the status of a refugee or alternative status shall not be accepted in units of the State Border Guard and other institutions located in the territory where the emergency situation has been declared.

The National Armed Forces shall, in cooperation with the State Border Guard and the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, ensure the place and infrastructure for accommodating the persons who have illegally crossed the state border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Byelorussia and the persons who have arrived from the Republic of Byelorussia and have submitted the submission regarding granting the status of a refugee or alternative status.

The State Border Guard and the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs shall be allowed to apply the exception referred to in Section 3, Paragraph eight of the Public Procurement Law in order to ensure the accommodation of the asylum seekers arriving from the Republic of Byelorussia, and the provision thereof with food and basic necessities.

The expenses related to the implementation of measures necessary for the execution of this order, including the overtime work and official travel of the personnel of the involved authorities, shall be financed from the State budget resources

granted for such purpose to the authorities, and also upon reasoned request of the authorities - from the State budget programme 02.00.00 "Funds for Unforeseen Events". In such cases, the decision to grant funding shall be taken by the Cabinet.

If necessary, the Cabinet shall decide on requesting international assistance through the platforms of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and also of other international cooperation organisations and foreign countries.

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