

Kiev Regime Conscripts Children in Foreign Countries for Military Service in Ukraine

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The Kiev regime is desperate. It is involved in conscripting Ukrainian children adopted or fostered by parents in foreign countries. These children are now being drafted.

Here is an article on this, roughly translated from a newspaper, El Heraldo, in the Aragon region of Spain:

http://www.heraldo.es/noticias/aragon/2015/02/18/ucrania_reclama_regreso_los_jovenes_acogidos_aragon_para_militarizarlos_340568_300.html

"The Ukrainian government demands the return of youths in foster care in Aragon to join the military"

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The goal is that after a period of instruction, they're introduced into the conflict zone.

Young Ukrainians, who are in foster families in Aragon, are being claimed by the Government of Ukraine to return to their country to be introduced into the conflict zone, according to the president of the Association of Child Welfare of Aragon, Eduardo Puente. The purpose of this call-up is to perform military service in Ukraine. After a month of military training, they're sent into the war zone, say Eduardo Puente, and Angelines, the latter being the foster mother of Tola, a youth who has been called from Ukraine to join the army soon. Puente explained that his association, which coordinates a program of Ukrainian children who are welcomed in Aragonese families during summers and the holidays, knows five cases in the community, where young people are in this difficult situation, but is convinced that "many more" exist.

A normal case

A typical case is this of Tola, a young Ukrainian 18 years old who studied with an Aragonese host family for six years and whose biological parents informed him by phone a few weeks ago from Ukraine after receiving a letter ordering him to join the war.

Angelines, who is the foster mother of Tola, moved immediately to try to prevent his return to Ukraine. According to her, the Foreign Ministry welcomed to Spanish forces young Ukrainians studying in Spain, so that they will return to their country of origin during holiday periods. This woman has made the young man welcomed by the Spanish Police to become a figure of international protection which is renewed every six months and allowed to continue in Spain without returning to Ukraine on vacation, but considers this protection "insufficient." Angelines, the biological mother of two children, ensures that nothing be

communicated to him of his military call-up being passed along to him from his parents, because Tola was "very nervous" the moment he first heard of the call-up to return to his village, where, he says, many people his age have already died because of the conflict. The woman does not want Tola to return to Ukraine to perish in the conflict, and has appealed to the Spanish state to be granted Spanish nationality.

He has stated that he knows the case of another young Ukrainian hosted in Aragon, J., 16 years old, afraid of being called also to return to his country once he reaches draft age. As he explained, she and the foster mother of J. are trying to get him Spanish nationality to avoid all these problems. Tola began to be hosted at holiday periods by Angelines when age 9 and J. at 8 with another family, also Aragonese. The situation of conflict made the two families take turns to go on holiday to Ukraine and to rent an apartment to get the lowest J., did not have to spend the summer at the orphanage and live situations danger. Their adoption has not been possible confesses Angelines because the Ukrainian authorities do not provide the paperwork to make or care about the plight of children living in orphanages. Now, Angelines sees everyday news with Tola and reads daily to learn of the situation in Ukraine, although convinced that much of the violence that occurs in the country is not known abroad. She ensures that Tola feels Spanish and that trips made to Ukraine are only to see his biological family, never with the intention of staying more than a short period of time. According Angelines, Tola is a good student, perfectly integrated with their peers, but J., due to his more complicated origin, has difficulties with his studies and needs further support.

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