

Hungary PM tells refugees: Please don't come

(2015) Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has said those fleeing conflict in countries such as Syria should not try to cross into Hungary, as he defended the country's decision to erect a fence along its border.

His comments at the EU headquarters in Brussels came as thousands of refugees flooded into a train station in Budapest hoping to board trains taking them to Germany or Austria.

"Please don't come ... It's risky to come. We can't guarantee that you will be accepted," Orban said at a news conference in Brussels with European Parliament President Martin Schulz, adding that it would not be humane or morally right to "falsify" people's dreams.



Hungary has been widely criticized for its way of handling the mass flow of refugees to Europe.

A fence on the border with Serbia is one of several measures planned to make it more difficult for refugees to enter and stay in Hungary. The government is also tightening asylum laws, introducing penalties for illegal border-crossing, and planning to close permanent refugee camps.

Refugees in Hungary want to get on trains to go to either Austria or Germany [Reuters]



What might be the message of this political cartoon? How does this message contrast with the information in the news article?

Germany Aims to Deport Record Number of Rejected Asylum Seekers in 2017

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Germany deported a record 80,000 migrants denied asylum last year and that figure will rise again in 2017, a top official said, as Chancellor Angela Merkel seeks to win back conservative voters before elections in September.

Peter Altmaier, Merkel's chief of staff, told *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper that nearly half of 700,000 asylum requests made in 2016 had been rejected, spelling another record high in deportations this year.

To placate conservatives put off by Merkel's decision in 2015 to open German borders to refugees, leaders of her Christian Democrat party (CDU) have been pushing to deport more migrants whose applications have failed or foreigners who have committed crimes.

Altmaier said it was important to send these people home promptly in order to maintain a high level of public support for the asylum system.

Germany has taken in more than a million migrants in the last 18 months, often fleeing war and turmoil in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
to breathe free,
The wretched
refuse of your
teeming shore.*

*Send these,
the homeless,
tempest-tossed
to me,
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door!"*

~ Emma Lazarus



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