

Russia says over 110,000 evacuated from Kursk border region



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According to the Ministry of Emergency Situations, 112,337 people have been evacuated from Russia's Kursk region, Human Rights Commissioner Tatyana Moskalkova told **Argumenty i Fakti**. She reported that over 12,000 residents are staying in temporary accommodation centers, while more than 100,000 have sought refuge with relatives and friends. Around 40,000 people either refused to evacuate or have returned to their homes.

Moskalkova added that 30,415 people, including 7,600 children, are currently housed in 960 centers across 65 Russian regions. Many of them had previously fled shelling in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions two years ago.

Ukraine has not commented on Moskalkova's statements.

The incursion into Kursk began on the night of August 5-6, near the town of Sudzha, about 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) from the border. Russian President Vladimir Putin condemned the attack, calling it a "large-scale provocation" and an act of "indiscriminate shooting," labeling it a "terrorist attack."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy later clarified that the operation aimed to create a "buffer zone" to prevent cross-border attacks from Russia.