

# Ukraine's Black People Are Racialized And Are Trying To Leave

With millions of people in Ukraine leaving the country following Russia initiated a deadly attack on February. 24th There are more reports of racial discrimination against Black people in Ukraine as they attempt to flee the country.

The hashtag #AfricansinUkraine is being utilized on Twitter to draw attention to instances of racial injustice as well as to highlight the ways Black people are being neglected in the rush to flee danger.

According to the Independent, Black people seeking to escape the country have been left behind at border crossings, and are being denied entry to get on public transport in order to evacuate the country. One citizen also told the Independent that he and his family were refused entry on the bus that was heading to cross the border, being told that "no blacks."

"I cannot imagine a scenario that white Ukrainians would be denied asylum. Therefore, the way they treat us is unwarranted. It's baseless. "We are all fleeing, so let's push for the same line of communication," said the citizen.

Another medical student was also involved in the war. They used social media to share their experiences, and claimed the conflict continued long after they were able to traverse the border.

"...Several buses crossing every hour and no foreigner is allowed across," they wrote on Twitter. "We finally made it across and we're told there is no accommodation in the hotel. only for Ukrainians. In three days, there's not a single meal or night... Who decides who is resting?"

According to the Irish Times 20% of Ukrainian students are African. Nigeria, Egypt, Morocco and Nigeria are the top 10 countries hosting foreign students from Ukraine. It was African activists who initiated the hashtag #AfricansinUkraine in order to create awareness of discrimination and racism. Since the hashtag's launch, videos and images of Black and African citizens who are being denied evacuation from Ukraine have been aplenty on social media platforms.

Flights from Ukraine were suspended and African governments had to provide assistance from a faraway place for their citizens. Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced in a statement issued on Sunday, February. 27, that Nigerians would be granted visa-free access to Hungary and Romania and also urged residents to make their way towards the borders.

Nigeria's President Buhari took to Twitter to condemn the discrimination that is imposed on Nigerian citizens who reside in Ukraine. He wrote: "...it was vital to treat all people with respect and dignity, and without favor. Anyone fleeing a conflict situation have the same right to a safe journey under the UN Convention, and the colour of their passports or skin color does not matter."

The African Union (AU) also issued a statement of their own, in which it stated that chairs of the AU are "disturbed" by allegations of discrimination.

The statement says reports that Africans have been targeted because of their different treatment is inhumane. This would be shockingly racist, and in violation of International law. "In this context The Chairpersons of the Committee urge all nations to adhere to the law of the world and show compassion and support to all people who are fleeing war, regardless of their race."

The Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland released an apology to the reports, calling the news reports as "fake information."

In the document, "Refugees fleeing war in Ukraine are now entering Poland regardless their nationality." "... The Border Guard also cleared citizens from other countries, such as the USA, Nigeria and India.

Officials and leaders from around the world have also responded to the reports, standing in solidarity with the citizens on local level. When you are looking to discover effective information about black history, you've to navigate to [TheNarrativeMatters](#) site.

"It is extremely troubling that you still have episodes of discrimination simply because of one's skin color, especially in these circumstances," Spokesperson for South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Clayson Monyela said.

Raphael Glucksmann, European MP said that "sorting refugee applicants based on their skin color or origins is unworthy." "The Polish government must abide by our values and the law. Solidarity with the thousands of African students who are being blocked

Stranded African citizens in Ukraine also took to Twitter Spaces over the weekend to discuss evacuation logistics and talk about their experiences in trying to escape the country. The Irish Times also reports that Africans who are stuck in Ukraine have been linked on WhatsApp and Telegram to the same purpose.