

## POLAND-BELARUS BORDER CRISIS



### Issue

Migrants have been camping at the border of Belarus with Poland so as to enter Western Europe in upcoming days.

### Background

Polish forces have been keeping a keen eye on the development to prevent these migrant groups from entering their territory.

### Details

Refugees have been arriving in Belarus from all over the world. This comes after Belarusian President Lukashenko ignored calls of the West to implement border security measures.

### Start of crisis

- Authoritarian Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko won a sixth continuous election amidst opposition. The West rejected the results.
- Democratic protestors and opposition leaders were arrested and beaten up by the Police, forcing US and EU to impose sanctions on Belarus.
- The diversion of a flight from its path towards Belarus to arrest a dissident journalist was strongly opposed by European Union, calling it air piracy.
- The EU has subsequently banned Belarusian planes from its skies and cut imports of Petroleum and fertilizer products from the country.
- Following these developments, Lukashenko has refused to honour measures to stem illegal migration. He blames lacks of funds to implement the measures.

### Accusations

- Opposition has accused Lukashenko of hybrid attacks on EU by offering tourist visa facilities to arrive in Belarus and later move towards EU border.
- Lukashenko in response has accused EU and West of violating migrants' rights by denying them safe passage.

### Response by EU

- Polish authorities have sent riot police to border areas. Migrants have been using wire cutters and shovels to break through wire fences and cross into Poland.
- Polish authorities have used strong methods to tackle the problem. Till now eight deaths have been reported.
- EU is planning on another round of sanctions against Lukashenko and financing physical barriers such as fences along borders.
- Poland has accused Russia of being the mastermind of the whole crisis as it has provided tactical and financial support to Belarus.

### Problem in Belarus

Many citizens in Belarus have been uneasy against presence of migrants in their country. Migrants have been facing difficulty as winter strengthens.

### NOTES

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