

French Police Evacuate Refugee Camp in Paris



Paris, May 3 (RHC)-- French police have evacuated a makeshift camp in northern Paris that accommodated more than 1,000 refugees, a third attempt by authorities in as many months to clear the area from asylum-seekers.

The evacuation took place at the Stalingrad metro station where officials transferred refugees to reception centers. Officials said the operation involved 150 police officers and was carried out largely without incident. They said many other refugees living in other parts of Paris also rushed to the area overnight demanding relocation to accommodation centers.

Some refugees said they were happy with the evacuation as they could finally find a better place to live. The refugees in the camp were mainly from Sudan and Afghanistan and hoped to find their way through to Britain.

French officials said that those who do not officially request asylum will be expelled from the country. France has been grappling with the influx of refugees over the last 18 months as reports have emerged from the northern port city of Calais showing frequent clashes between police and refugees protesting poor living conditions in the camps.



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