

Ukrainian Guards Accused of Using Force Against Russian 'Saboteurs' at Border

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Russian border guards have accused their Ukrainian counterparts of using 'physical force' against two Russians and one Belarussian citizen who were attempting to enter Ukraine, a news report said.

The three travelers were forcefully questioned and searched at the Novoshakhtinsk border crossing in Russia's southern Rostov region, a spokesman from the Russian Federal Border Guard Service said, Interfax reported Thursday.

When Ukrainian guards found climbing equipment in the backpack of the Belarussian traveler, they accused him of wanting to help arm "subversive" groups within Ukraine, the spokesman said.

The Ukrainian security service who questioned the detained, "promised to spread the word that these people are saboteurs" and banned them from entering Ukraine for a period of three

years, the spokesman added.

Ukraine announced in March that it was placing travel restrictions on Russian citizens wanting to enter the country, in a bid to counter "possible provocations."

Russian men aged between 16-60 are currently prohibited from entering Ukraine unless they can provide proof of the reason behind their visit.

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