

‘Threat to the World’: Hungary to Quit UN Migration Accord Before It is Approved



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban is a fierce critic of European migration policy. Budapest has repeatedly stressed the necessity to strengthen the protection of the EU's external borders and to create migration transit centres outside the bloc.

Hungary's Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto announced that Budapest will withdraw from the United Nations Migration Pact before it will be formally approved.

"This document is entirely against Hungary's security interests," he said, adding that the accord posed a "threat to the world".

The UN migration agreement, officially called the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, was negotiated in the wake of 2015 refugee crisis in Europe when over a million of migrants came in Europe fleeing from wars and disasters in their home countries in the North Africa and the Middle East.

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According to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the goal of the accord is to guarantee basic human rights of all refugees.

Although Europe struggles to find a unified solution for the crisis, there are many divisions over the way it should be done. Hungary is not the first country to pull out of the UN pact. Washington decided to boycott the agreement in December 2017, as US President Donald trump took a hostile stance towards refugees.

The agreement is due to be finally approved in December during the meeting in the fourth biggest Moroccan city of Marrakesh.



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