

The mediation of a neutral country can be an effective mechanism in returning Ukrainian children home - Lebedieva

KIEV, UKRAINE, October 24, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Alona Lebedieva, the owner of [the non-profit organization "Aurum Charity Foundation"](#) and the Ukrainian multidisciplinary Industrial and Investment group of companies Aurum Group, commented on the message of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar regarding the promotion of the return to the families of four Ukrainian children taken to Russia, [saying](#) that this issue remains one of the most important and a mechanism for the return of Ukrainian children should be worked out home.

«Despite the recognition and condemnation of the crimes committed by Russia - war crimes and the crime of genocide, despite all the horrors of the war, the issue of returning children home remains the most painful, most important for the Ukrainian people and the European community as well, - commented Alona Lebedieva, - The Ukrainian side can testify that more than 20,000 children have currently been taken to Russia. We are talking about only those cases that were officially recorded, when the father, guardian or witness of the child's deportation reported it to the National Information Bureau of Ukraine».

According to Alona Lebedieva, it is necessary to find new effective mechanisms in the matter of returning Ukrainian children home as soon as possible:

«[The other day, information](#) appeared in the mass media about the return of four children thanks to the mediation of Qatar, through which both Ukrainian and Russian officials were able to cooperate. In a statement, Qatar's Minister of State for International Cooperation, Lolwah Al Khater, called the repatriation "just the first step." Are we witnessing a development of an effective alternative mediation mechanism of a neutral third country - something that would suit both parties? That is, we are talking about the need to create an effective mechanism - an intermediary state through which all communications, collection and exchange of information may be conducted. It is on the basis of this state that a special structure can be created to deal with the issue of Ukrainian children, and which the representatives of international organizations may join, etc. The mediation of a neutral country can be an effective mechanism in returning Ukrainian children home. The mediation of a neutral country can be an effective mechanism in returning Ukrainian children home».

The non-profit organization "Aurum Charity Foundation", with an office in Brussels, promotes access to critical medicine in Europe for Ukrainian children affected by the war.

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