Train Service Between Russia And Ukraine Faces Ban

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Ukrainian authorities may place restrictions on trains entering at the country's border with Russia starting from May 10, making travel by rail difficult between the two countries, Russian Railways corporate television reported Wednesday.

In the middle of April crossing the border had already become difficult for Russian residents, in particular men ages 16 to 60. Passengers crossing the Ukrainian border were repeatedly forced off from trains with special attention given to journalists, news reports said.

The authorities said at the time the measure was necessary because of alleged attempts by provocateurs to enter Ukraine to destabilize the region.

Over 10 million people travelled by train between Russia and Ukraine in 2013. In the first quarter of 2014 the ridership fell by 40 percent compared to the same period last year.

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