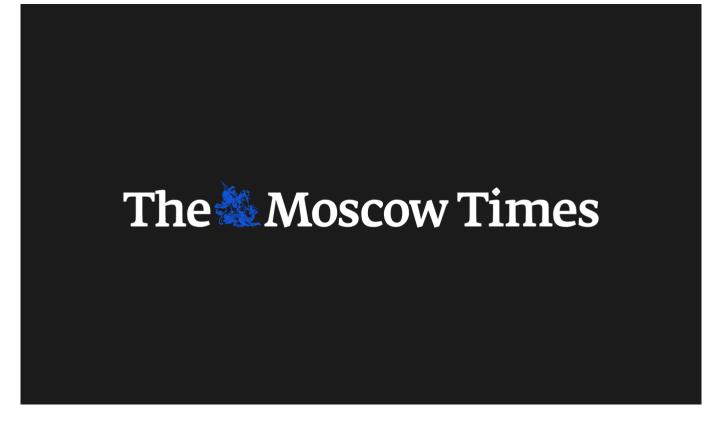# Ukraine Imports Gas From Europe After Russian Cutoff, Volumes Plummet

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KIEV — Ukraine imported gas from Poland and Hungary in July after Russia cut off supplies, and the volume amounted to about a tenth of its imports a year ago, according to domestic gas transport monopoly Ukrtransgaz on Thursday.

Gas imports totaled 221 million cubic meters last month — 118 million from Poland and 103 million from Hungary — against about 2 billion cubic meters a year earlier, the company said in a statement.

Russia, which supplied half of Ukraine's gas needs in 2013, halted gas exports to Ukraine on June 16, citing price disagreements and Kiev's outstanding debt for earlier deliveries.

On top of the Russian cutoff, "the current volume of gas imports from Europe is much lower than we expected" and has still had not recovered so far this month, an industry source said.

Ukrainian Energy Minister Yury Prodan last month blamed Russia's Gazprom of obstructing Ukrainian imports from European countries.

He said that Ukraine first noticed a decline in deliveries from Europe in mid–July and that reverse supplies were running at 7 million cubic meters a day versus a possible 18 million.

That compares with supplies of 16 mcm per day via reversed flows from the EU in June, including 12 mcm from Hungary, according to Ukraine's state energy company, Naftogaz.

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