

Ukraine Deports 11 Uzbek Refugee

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Ukraine deported 11 refugees from **Uzbekistan**, prompting an unusually sharp rebuke from the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which said the Uzbeks had sought political asylum and called the action illegal. The Uzbeks were reportedly suspected of involvement in the armed uprising last May in the city of Andijon, where Uzbek troops killed scores of people. They were detained in Crimea on Feb. 7. A spokeswoman for Ukraine's security services said in a telephone interview that a court in Crimea had ordered their deportation, apparently without allowing them to appeal. STEVEN LEE MYERS (NYT)

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