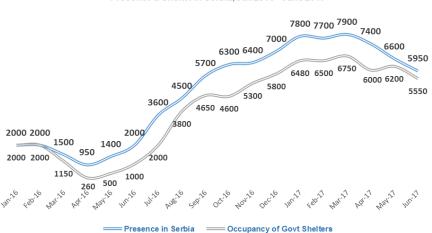


SERBIA UPDATE, 19-25 June 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- By 25 June, the overall number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants counted in Serbia shrunk to 5,948. 93% were accommodated in 18 governmental centres.
- Two tragic accidents led to the demise of one and the hospitalization of two other refugees/migrants: On 23 June, a 15 y.o. Afghan unaccompanied/separated child (UASC) was killed on the motorway near Adasevci TC, while his 13 y.o. friend was severely injured and hospitalized. They reportedly jumped off a truck when they realized that it was heading to Belgrade and not to Croatia. On 24 June, a man from Algeria was hit by a train and seriously injured while trying to cross railway tracks near Sid.
- Though overall occupancy of governmental shelters dropped to 5,548, some remained overcrowded, including the Transit Centres (TC) of Adasevci, Principovac and Sombor, where close to 400 refugees and migrants, incl. UASC, remained accommodated in temporary emergency shelters like rub halls or tents.
- On 19 June, the Government, UN Resident Coordinator, IOM, and UNHCR presented and discussed the
  process, as well as important Serbian contributions to the forthcoming preparations of the two Global
  Compacts stemming from the New York Declaration: the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular
  Migration and the Global Compact for Refugees.
- World Refugee Day was marked by a number of events, including a reception for refugees, authorities, donors
  and civil society in Belgrade, various performances and photo exhibitions in a number of centres, marking of
  the second anniversary of the Presevo RC, etc. A <u>press release</u> of UNHCR Serbia highlighted global and
  local developments.
- On 22 June, the Centre for Social Welfare, supported by UNHCR and partners, started systematic best interest assessments for all 203 UASCs in TC Obrenovac.
- On 22 June, authorities transferred 91 men and boys, mostly from Afghanistan, who had been sleeping rough in/near Sid to Presevo RC.
- UNHCR and partners collected testimonies of 79 collective expulsions from Croatia, with many alleging to
  have been denied access to asylum procedures there, while many of the 76 testimonies of collective expulsion
  from Hungary alleged excessive use of force.
- 01-25 June, 287 refugees/migrants registered an intention to seek asylum in Serbia.



New Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Migrants Presence & Shelter in Serbia, Jan 2016 - June 2017

# **EAST**

**497** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 190 in Pirot, 204 in Divljana, 57 in Dimitrovgrad and 46 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

#### SOUTH

**836** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (609), Vranje RC (134) and Bujanovac (93).



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Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (43%), Iraq (28%) and Pakistan (19%) and 43% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (35%) and from Syria (26%), while 53% are children. The residents of Vranje RC are families and UASCs from Afghanistan, 55% children.







#### **BELGRADE**

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 851 asylum-seekers (including 187 UASCs), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

948 male refugees/migrants (including 203 UASCs) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or Syria, and other countries.

Some 200 refugees/migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

World Refugee Day performances by refugees, Belgrade (Serbia), @UNHCR, 19 June 2017

#### **WEST**

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered 1,183 refugees and migrants: 830 in Adasevci and 353 in Principovac. They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan, Iraq, and Syria.

### **NORTH**

**54** asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary. Only three asylum seekers were camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 124 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 178, and Kikinda TC 252, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.



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