

Returns from Greece to Turkey

In the framework of the EU-TUR Statement. Source: Press Releases, Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection.

Overview

578

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The vast majority of those returned to Turkey are nationals from countries other than Syria. The majority are **Pakistani nationals (42 per cent of total)**. Syrians constitute **15 per cent** of the total number of those returned, and are followed by Algerians, Bangladeshis and Afghans.

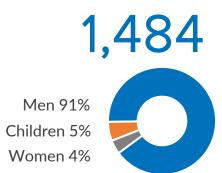
In total, **228 Syrians** have been returned to Turkey to date. **5** of them have been returned on the basis that their asylum claims were found inadmissible at 2nd instance.

Of all those returned, **49 per cent** did not **express a will to apply for asylum** or **withdrew their will to apply for asylum** or **withdrew their asylum claims** in Greece.

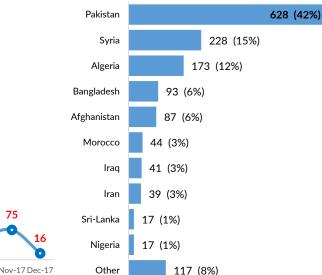
Return trend – April 2016 to December 2017



April 2016 to 31 December 2017



Nationality of those returned



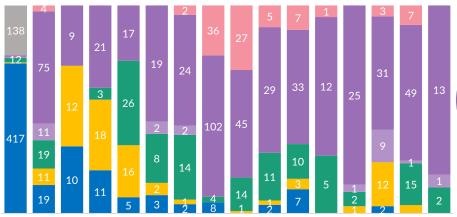
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As of Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17 Nov-17 Dec-17 Sept-16

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Reason for returns – by month and total (based on available data)



As of Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 Oct-17 Nov-17 Dec-17 Sep-16

- No will to apply for asylum
- Withdrew their will to apply for asylum
- Withdrew their asylum claim
- Negative decision on asylum claim at 1st instance
- Negative decision on asylum claim at 2nd instance
- Case closed for other reasons*
- Information not available**

*Applications discontinued and/or filed according to the relevant provisions of the Law 4375/2016 regarding implicit or explicit withdrawal or no appearance for registration. **Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection started publishing relevant data from 16 September 2016 onward. For feedback please contact UNHCR GREECE Information Management Unit, greatim@unhcr.org