Returns from Greece to Turkey

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

Overview

The vast majority of those returned to Turkey are nationals from countries other than Syria. The majority are Pakistani nationals (44 per cent of total). Syrians constitute 16 per cent of the total number of those returned, and are followed by Algerians, Bangladeshis and Afghans.

In total, 216 Syrians have been returned to Turkey to date. No one has been returned on the basis that their asylum claim was found inadmissible.

Of all those returned, 42 per cent did not express will to apply for asylum or withdrew their will to apply for asylum in Greece.

Return trend – April 2016 to October 2017

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

Total returns by age and gender
April 2016 to 06 October 2017

1,360

- Men, 91%
- Children, 5%
- Women, 4%

Nationality of those returned

- Pakistan: 593
- Syria: 216
- Algeria: 163
- Bangladesh: 92
- Afghanistan: 77
- Morocco: 38
- Iran: 34
- Iraq: 28
- Sri-Lanka: 16
- Other: 103

*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.
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