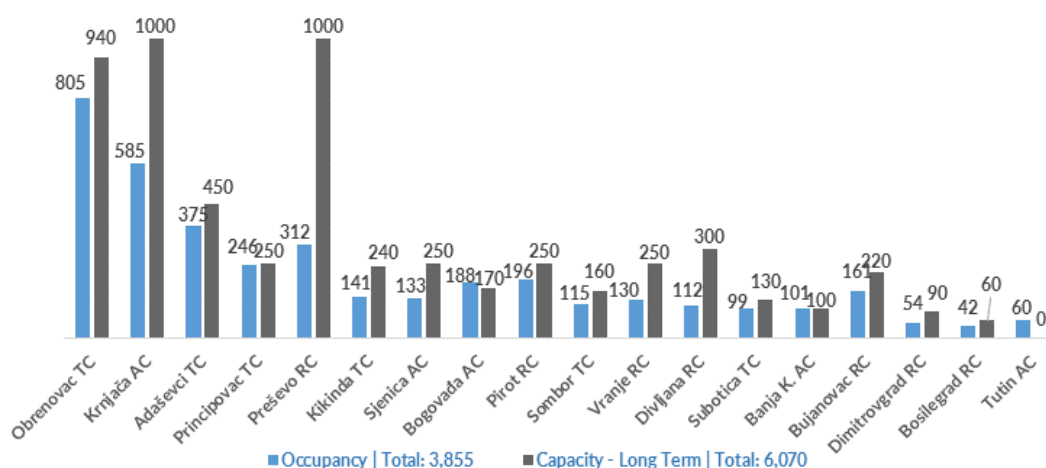


# UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 15 October, **4,275** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, of which **3,855** were housed in 18 governmental centres (below chart as well as our [Joint Assessment of Government Centres](#) refer).
- Authorities made further excellent progress in school-enrolment: Some **85%** of 7-14 year old refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children attended classes, of which 430 attended public primary schools while some 70 were schooled inside the Transit Centres (TCs) of Sombor, Subotica or Kikinda. Some efforts are also being made to enrol children over 14 years of age into secondary schools.
- During the week, the authorities closed all remaining temporary emergency shelters (rub-halls and tents) in the TCs of Adasevci, Principovac, Sombor and Kikinda, and relocated all men and boys who had been accommodated therein into more solid long-term shelters. Additionally, they transferred some 50 unaccompanied and separated boys, who had been accommodated in Adasevci TC, to Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) and 112 men and boys who were camping outside centres near Sid to the Presevo Reception Centre (RC).
- UNHCR and partners continued assisting high numbers of **244** newly arrived asylum-seekers (compared to 272 last week). Sample profiling of a group of 118 new arrivals in Belgrade, showed that 40% were women and children and 60% men, that most fled Iraq (29%) or Afghanistan (24%) only one-three weeks ago and reached Serbia through Bulgaria (59%) and/or FYR Macedonia (35%).
- On 10 October, on the occasion of the World Mental Health Day, UNHCR partner Psychosocial Innovation Network (PIN) presented its **Study on mental health of refugees in Serbia** to partners and the media (for more details please see [PIN's FB post](#).)
- UNHCR and partners collected testimonies of **104** collective expulsions from Romania, **98** from Hungary and **73** from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied due access to asylum procedures there and some maltreatment by authorities of these EUMS.

Occupancy of Asylum, Reception and Transit Centres  
as of 15 Oct 2017





Refugees whitewashing the Registration Hall with paint provided by the SCRM, Presevo (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 12 October 2017

### SOUTH

**603** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (312), Vranje (130) and Bujanovac (161), including 65 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

### BELGRADE

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated **585** asylum-seekers, including 98 UASC, while **805** male refugees/migrants (including 55 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac TC.

### EAST

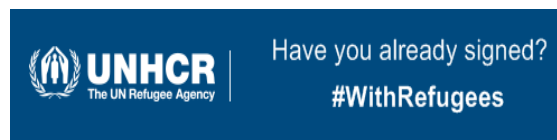
**404** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 196 in Pirot, 112 in Divljana, 54 in Dimitrovgrad and 42 in Bosilegrad.

### WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **631** refugees and migrants: some 385 in Adasevci and 246 in Principovac.

### NORTH

**57** asylum seekers were admitted into so-called “transit zones” of Hungary. On 15 October, 10 asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered **99** asylum-seekers, Sombor TC **115**, and Kikinda TC **141**.



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