Returns from Greece to Turkey

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

Overview

The majority of those returned to Turkey are Pakistani nationals (39 percent of total). Syrians constitute 19 percent of the total number of those returned, and are followed by Algerians, Afghans and Bangladeshis.

In total, 337 Syrians have been returned to Turkey to date. 36 of them have been returned on the basis that their asylum claims were found inadmissible at 2nd instance.

Of all those returned, 45 percent 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 – December 2017 to December 2018


Total returns by age and gender

April 2016 to 31 December 2018

1,806

Men 91%

Children 5%

Women 4%

Nationality of those returned

Pakistan 703 (39%)
Syria 337 (19%)
Algeria 198 (11%)
Afghanistan 102 (6%)
Bangladesh 99 (5%)
Iraq 77 (4%)
Morocco 51 (3%)
Iran 48 (3%)
Egypt 20 (1%)
Nigeria 18 (1%)
Other 153 (8%)

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

No will to apply for asylum: 40%
Withdrawed their will to apply for asylum: 5%
Withdrawed their asylum claim: 8%
Negative decision on asylum claim at 1st instance: 27%
Negative decision on asylum claim at 2nd instance: 12%
Case closed for other reasons: 6%
Information not available: 5%

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*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.
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