Returns from Greece to Turkey

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

Overview

The majority of those returned to Turkey are Pakistani nationals (36 percent of total). Syrians constitute 18 percent of the total number of those returned, and are followed by Algerians, Afghans and Iraqis.

In total, 373 Syrians have been returned to Turkey to date. 43 of them have been returned on the basis that their asylum claims were found inadmissible at 2nd instance.

Of all those returned, 44 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 – January 2019 to January 2020


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

Total returns by age and gender
April 2016 to 31 January 2020

Men 91%
Children 5%
Women 4%

Nationality of those returned

Pakistan 738 (36%)
Syria 373 (18%)
Algeria 204 (10%)
Afghanistan 140 (7%)
Iraq 127 (6%)
Bangladesh 104 (5%)
Iran 54 (3%)
Morocco 54 (3%)
Egypt 32 (2%)
Nigeria 24 (1%)
Other 204 (10%)

*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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