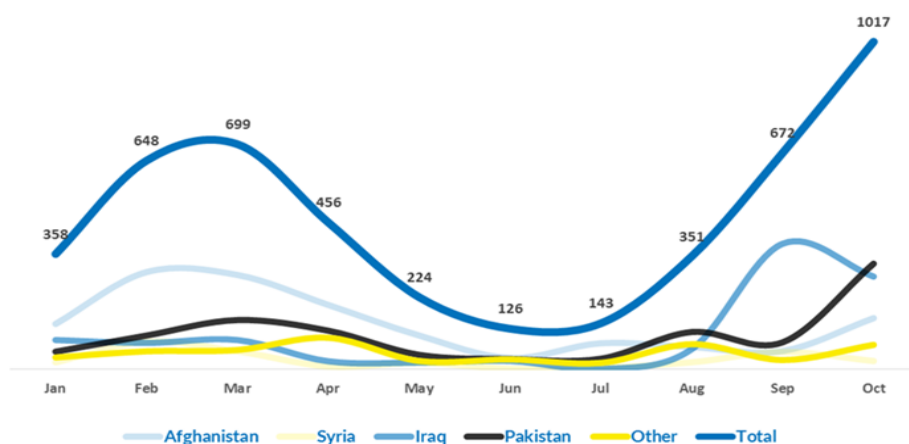


# UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 19 November, **4,240** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, of which **3,865** were housed in 18 governmental centres.
- Together with the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), we updated the [Assessment of Government Centres](http://www.unhcr.rs/CentreProfiling/overview.php), which, on <http://www.unhcr.rs/CentreProfiling/overview.php>, is now also available as interactive app. With close to 30,000 hits, it remains one of the most popular information tool of UNHCR.
- UNHCR and partners assisted **157** new arrivals. Several profiling exercises continue to document three main groups: (a) Yasidi or Kurdish refugee families, who left Iraq between 1 and 8 weeks ago to reach Serbia through Turkey and Bulgaria. Most plan to depart to Romania/Germany; (b) men and boys from Afghanistan, Pakistan or other countries, who reach Serbia through fYRoM and Greece, have left their CoO many months ago and aim to reach various countries in West/South Europe irregularly through Croatia or Hungary; and (c) families who left Iran a few days ago to reach Belgrade regularly by air and then try to proceed irregularly to various destinations through Hungary or Croatia.
- UNHCR and partners also received a high number of reports of collective expulsions: 110 from Romania (compared to 94 last week), 91 from Croatia (as compared to 83 last week), and 59 from Hungary (104 last week).
- Upon request of the SCRM, UNHCR completed the comprehensive **distribution of winter NFIs for adults**. Over 1,470 tracksuits, 1,480 winter jackets, 3,000 T-shirts, 5,890 pairs of socks, 5,400 pieces of underwear, 680 pairs of footwear and 1,470 winters sets containing shawl/cap/gloves at the total value of 86,000 USD were distributed in 15 government accommodation centres. During 23-29 October, UNHCR had already distributed winter NFI at the value of 18,700 USD to all children aged 13-18.
- 01-19 November, 343 individuals registered intention to seek asylum in Serbia.

Arrivals in 2017 by country of origin





*International Day of Tolerance celebrated at Trade High School in Vranje with local and refugee children, Vranje (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 16 November 2017*

## SOUTH

536 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (240), Vranje (155) and Bujanovac (181), including 24 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

On 17 November, the authorities transferred 58 new arrivals from Belgrade to Bujanovac RC.

On 16 November, the Trade High School in Vranje invited refugee children from Vranje Reception Centre to its celebrations of the International Day of Tolerance. Basic facts, cultural history and tradition of Serbia and Afghanistan were presented by the students at the event that was attended by many professors, school children, guests and media.

## BELGRADE

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated **723** asylum-seekers, including 124 UASC, while **837** male refugees/migrants (including 51 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac TC. Additionally, it is estimated that some 150 refugees/migrants stay at the city centre.

## EAST

**430** refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 201 in Pirot, 128 in Divljana, 65 in Dimitrovgrad and 36 in Bosilegrad.

## WEST

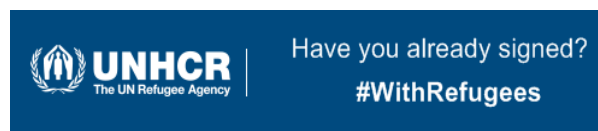
Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **517** refugees and migrants: 340 in Adasevci and 177 in Principovac. UNHCR and partners observed some 110 refugee/migrant men and boys sleeping rough near Sid.

## NORTH

52 asylum seekers were admitted into so-called "transit zones" of Hungary. On 10 November, five asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary.

Subotica TC sheltered **83** asylum-seekers, Sombor TC **91**, and Kikinda TC **167**.

Additionally, UNHCR and partners observed some 110 refugees/migrants sleeping rough near Subotica and Sombor.



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