



Arrivals and Departures: The number of sea arrivals to Europe during the first four days of February 2016 has surpassed the total number of sea arrivals for the entire month of February 2015. In Greece, there was a noticeable decrease in the number arrivals from 3,299 on 3 February to 565 on 4 February, possibly due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Situation at Borders: In Greece, the ferry strike continued for the second day. The situation at the border between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia improved compared to previous days. Small groups of people were allowed to cross the border more regularly. As a result, the

sites in Eidomeni were less congested. In contrast, temporary accommodation sites in Athens and mainland port of Piraeus became crowded due to road blocks caused by demonstrations by farmers.

Condition of People: On Leros, 30 North African nationals, who had been detained at Aghia Marina police station for approximately nine days, were transferred last night to mainland Greece. Twenty-one other individuals, however, remain in detention at the police station. Meanwhile, on Samos, 20 North African nationals remain in police detention.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.



Critical Developments

During the Supporting Syria and the Region conference in London, donor and host countries raised more than US\$ 6 billion and pledged continued support, protection and opportunities for more than 22.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance both inside Syria and across the region in 2016. In addition, over 5 billion USD has been pledged for humanitarian and development programmes until 2020. Thanking donors who provided more than US\$7 billion since 2012, [UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi](#), stressed that a significant increase in pledges is needed to offer much-needed stability, opportunities and hope to refugees and the countries hosting them. UNHCR is organising a high level meeting on resettlement and other legal pathways for Syrian refugees in Geneva on 30 March. Grandi invited all governments present at the London conference to support that event.

German Interior Minister, Thomas de Maiziere, stated the German government plans to send two German Federal Police boats and up to 100 border patrol officials to the Greek coast as of 1 March. De Maiziere said Greece deserved additional support from Europe considering its geographic position and the magnitude of arrivals.

On 3 February, the United Kingdom was the first country to respond to Greece's request to activate the EU civil protection mechanism, by sending the first part of humanitarian aid to assist Greece in dealing with the refugee crisis.

In Italy, a seven-year-old Syrian girl suffering from a rare form of eye cancer is to receive treatment through a new humanitarian scheme, the "humanitarian corridor" project. The project was launched by the Catholic Sant'Egidio Community and the Federation of Protestant Churches. The two groups lobbied the Italian government to grant 1,000 humanitarian visas to refugees with specific needs and humanitarian cases in camps in Lebanon, Morocco and Ethiopia. UNHCR welcomed the ecumenical airlift initiative, one of many types of private sponsorship that enables those most in need to reach safety, and start new lives in other countries.

Weather Headlines

- Very strong winds will lead to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands until Sunday.
- Heavy, thundery rain affecting the Greek Islands this evening.



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Social Media

- 24-year-old Firas Alshter is a former politically critical video journalist Syrian living in Berlin, Germany.
- He launched a [YouTube series](#) (Zukar) to explain the integration process between refugees/migrants and Germans in a humorous manner.
- His first video has been viewed 294,704 times since it was uploaded on 27 January.
- Alshter believes that “the integration will be a success eventually” because once “Germans start something, they can’t quit...they [just] need a bit of time”.

Current statistics for: #Syria

- 975 tweets, 2775 retweets an hour
- 6.14 million impressions per hour
- 19.89% of tweets using #Syria originated from the US
- 15.33% of tweets using #Syria originated from the UK

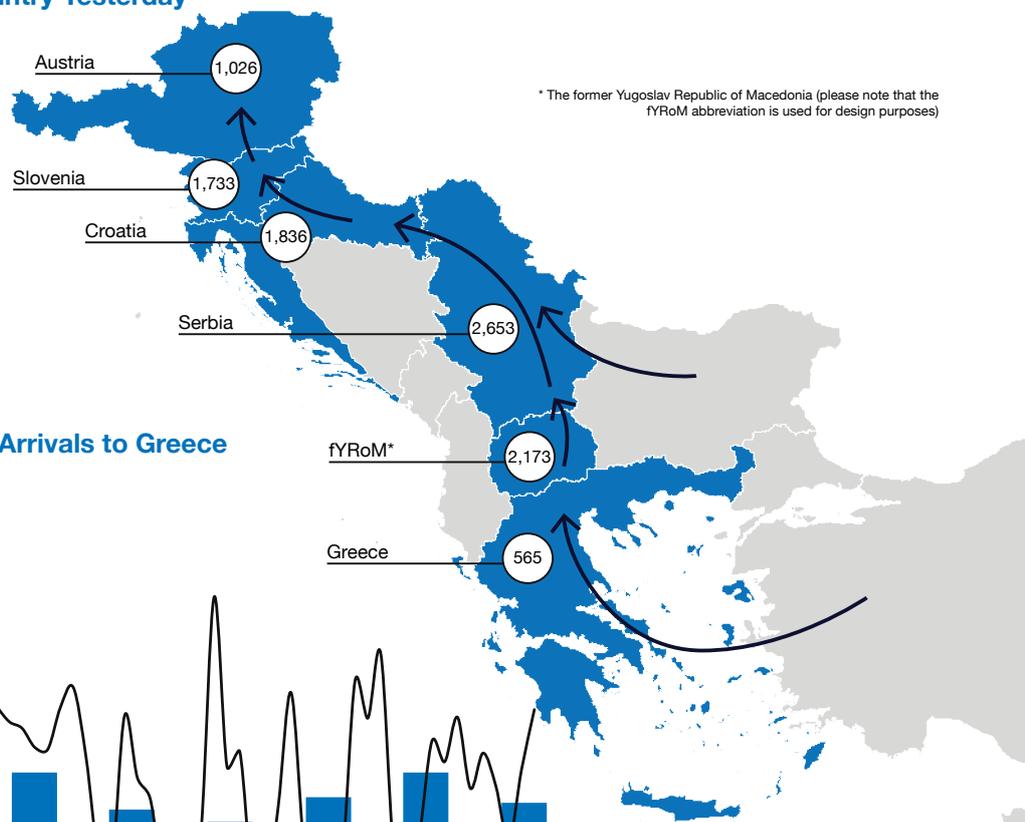
Current statistics for: #Aleppo

- 133 tweets, 750 retweets an hour
- Over 219,000 impressions per hour
- 28.21% of tweets using #Syria originated from the UK

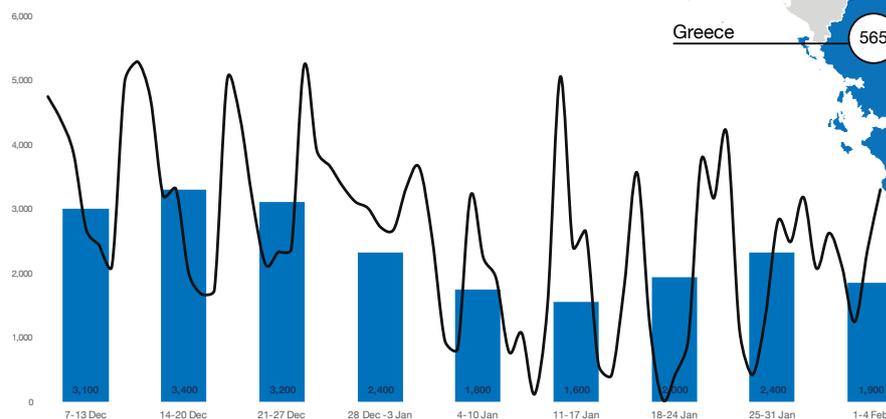


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	565
fYRoM*	2,173
Serbia	2,653
Croatia	1,836
Slovenia	1,733
Austria	1,026



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 4 February



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

18-24 January
2,004
37% from previous week



1-4 February
1,869
-21% from previous week



25-31 January
2,368
18% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 4 Feb)
1,869
-3% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Northerly winds will become very strong, reaching gale force at times, around the Greek Islands this evening and during Saturday. As a result rough seas and large waves will develop, presenting dangerous conditions for small boats. Analysis based on previous events suggests this is likely to result in significant reductions in number of people arriving to the Greek Islands.
- Lower temperatures, combined with strong winds tonight and on Saturday, leads to a significant wind chill, and prolonged exposure may lead to a risk of hypothermia for people travelling by sea. These winds and large waves will gradually ease through Sunday.
- Heavy, thundery rain may continue to affect the Greek Islands at times during Friday evening. This may lead to a risk of localised flash flooding in places.



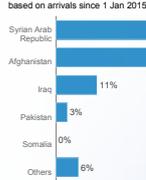
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Key Figures from the Portal

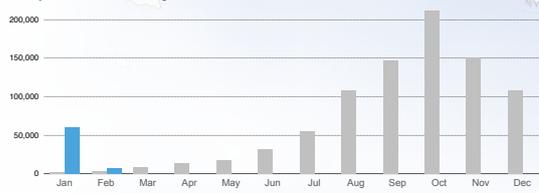
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life.

Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

Top-10 nationalities represent **100%** of the sea arrivals based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2015



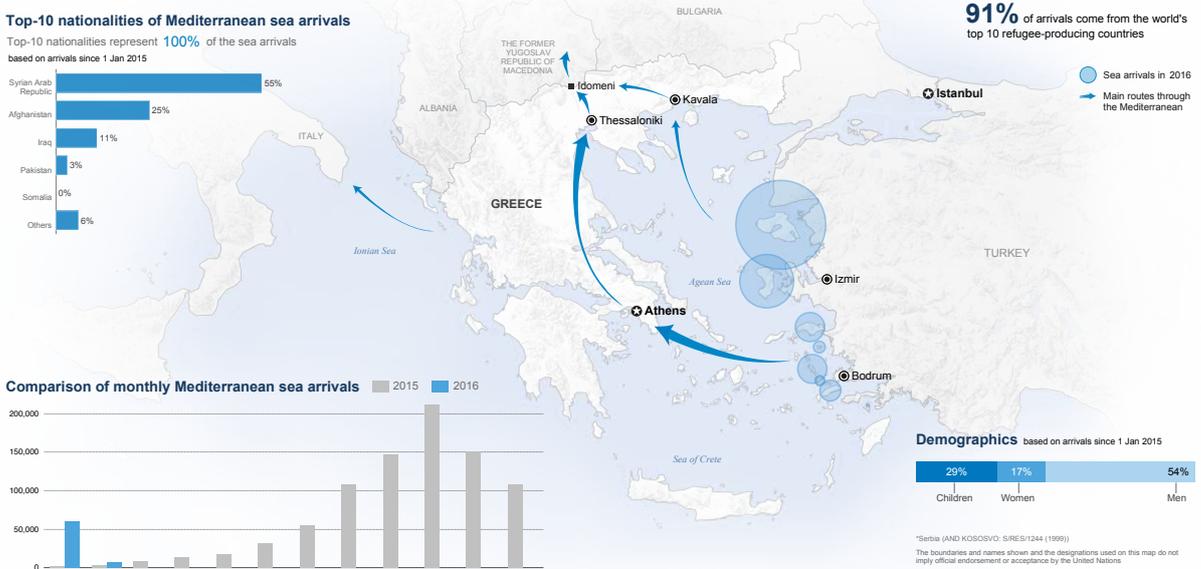
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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67,413 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

