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Planning and Preparations: The United Arab Emirates' Big Heart Foundation has pledged Dh 1.3 million to support UNHCR's projects providing aid to Syrian refugee families in Lebanon and Iraq. The charity will give Dh 920,000 to the Warm their Hearts campaign, which provides winter aid to more than 400,000 Syrians in Lebanon. The foundation will also donate Dh 370,000 to support UNHCR's work in Iraq. The donation will provide 300,000 Syrian refugee families in Iraq with the necessities of life to survive the harsh winter.



Critical Developments

According to the media, thousands of Syrians fleeing recent attacks in Aleppo were camped temporarily at the border between the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey.

Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman, Tanju Bilgiç, announced new visa regulations for Iraqi nationals. Previously, Iraqi citizens were able to enter Turkey by obtaining sticker type visas at Turkish borders, valid for 30 days. As announced on 5 January, Iraqi nationals are required to pre-apply for either an electronic or a paper based visa.

On 5 February, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, at the border crossing with Greece, authorities commenced the construction of a second metal fence.

On 5 February, in Slovenia, authorities introduced a system of separating new arrivals according to language.

On 8 February, German Chancellor Angela Merkel travelled to Ankara to meet Turkish Prime Minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, to discuss the implementation of the EU-Turkey action plan agreed in November. The plan envisages stemming the flow of irregular entry to EU member states by sheltering people

Arrivals and Departures: During the week of 1-7 February, the lowest rate of arrivals to the Greek Islands in 2016 was recorded.

Situation at Borders: In Greece, road blockages caused by public peaceful protests prevented people from traveling to the border crossing between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Condition of People: On 5 February, in Greece, temporary accommodation facilities in Athens became overcrowded and over a thousand people including many women and children remained at the Piraeus port overnight.

Deaths at Sea: None reported.

in Turkey. The assistance package is valued at € 3 billion to be provided to the Turkish government. Angela Merkel also met her French counterpart this weekend and will visit the UK Prime Minister in the coming days.

Challenges

On the island of Kos, as public protests against the establishment of a hotspot facility continued, the Mayor requested the Prime Minister's support regarding creating a registration centre instead, with a processing time of maximum 24 hours.

Response

In Athens, given the high number of people currently in need, UNHCR in coordination with the Ministry of Migration provided 2,000 mats, 2,000 blankets and two winterised rubhalls as a temporary shelter solution.

Weather Headlines

- Very strong winds will develop during Wednesday and Thursday leading to rough seas and large waves at times around the Greek Islands.



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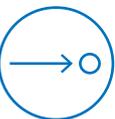
- In order to reach beyond the conference hall of the Supporting Syria the Region Conference, the UK government and the UN partnered with [Instagram](#) to produce a video studio where delegates had the opportunity to connect with their 523,000 followers, spreading global awareness about the current situation.
- The ruined city of Homs (Syria) became the backdrop for Syrian couple Nada Merhi and Hassan Youssef's wedding pictures; the [pictures can be viewed](#) as a stand against the oppressive environment surrounding them.

Current statistics for: #syria

- 492 tweets, 975 retweets per hour
- 3.36 million impressions per hour
- 75.6% of tweets using #Syria are in English
- 15.87% of tweets using #Syria are in Arabic

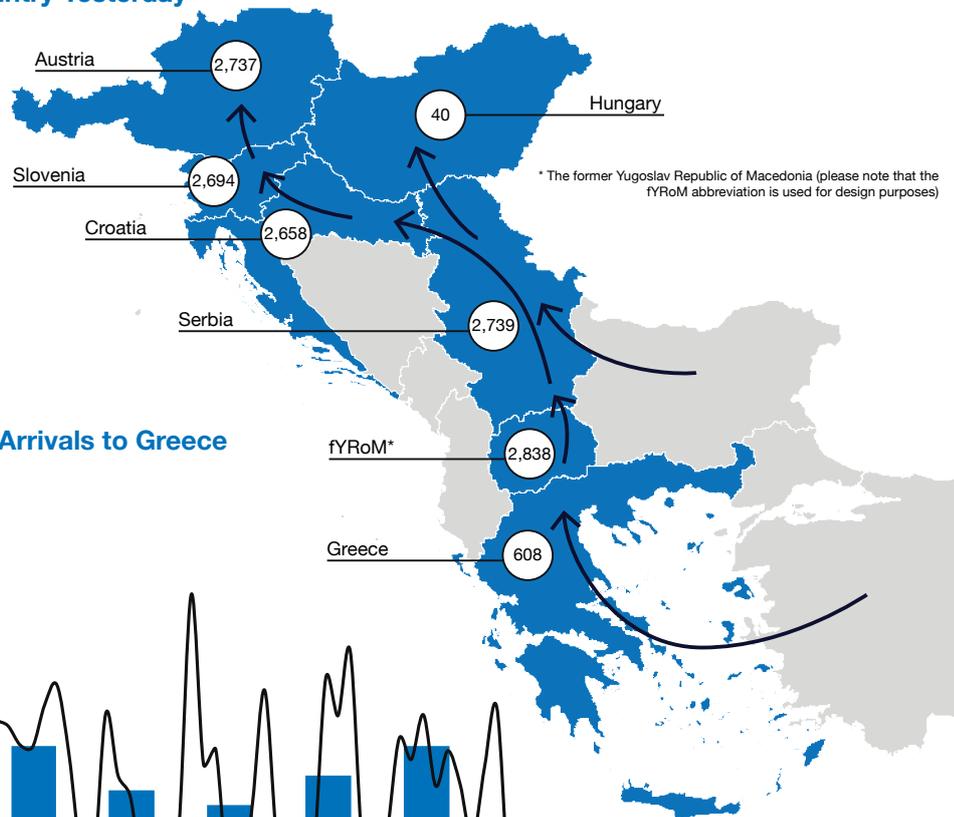
Current statistics for: #refugees

- 112 tweets, 150 retweets an hour
- Over 184,000 impressions per hour
- 19.81% of tweets using #refugees originated from the US

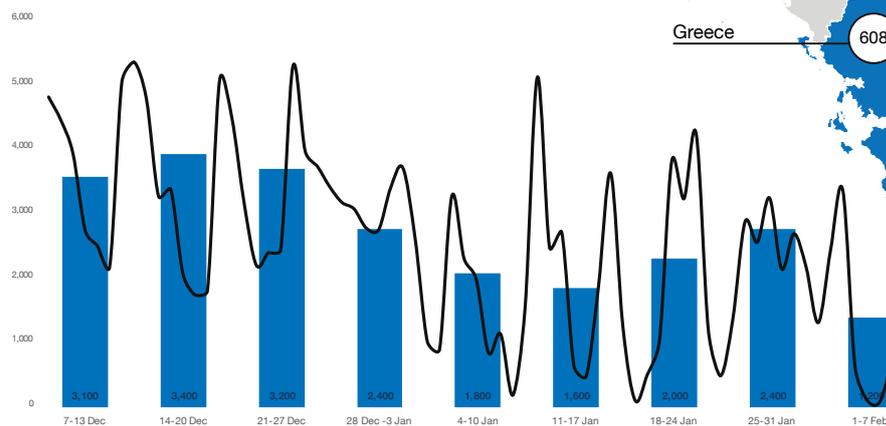


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	608
fYRoM*	2,838
Serbia	2,739
Croatia	2,658
Hungary	40
Slovenia	2,694
Austria	2,737



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



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

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



1-7 February
1,161
-51% from previous week



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



Monthly Average Daily Arrival
February (as of 4 Feb)
1,016
-47% from previous month





Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Southerly winds will gradually increase in strength from Tuesday evening. These will become very strong, reaching gale force at times, around the Greek Islands later on Wednesday and into the early hours of Thursday. Rough seas and large waves will develop, presenting dangerous conditions for small boats on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Analysis based on previous events suggests this is likely to result in a significant reduction in the numbers of people arriving to the Greek Islands. The strong winds and large waves will gradually ease during Thursday and Friday.



Annex 1

Key Figures from the Portal

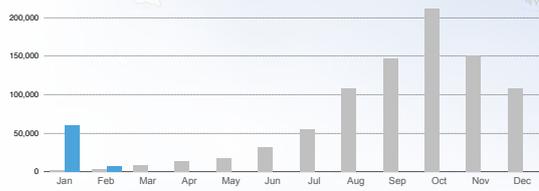
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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



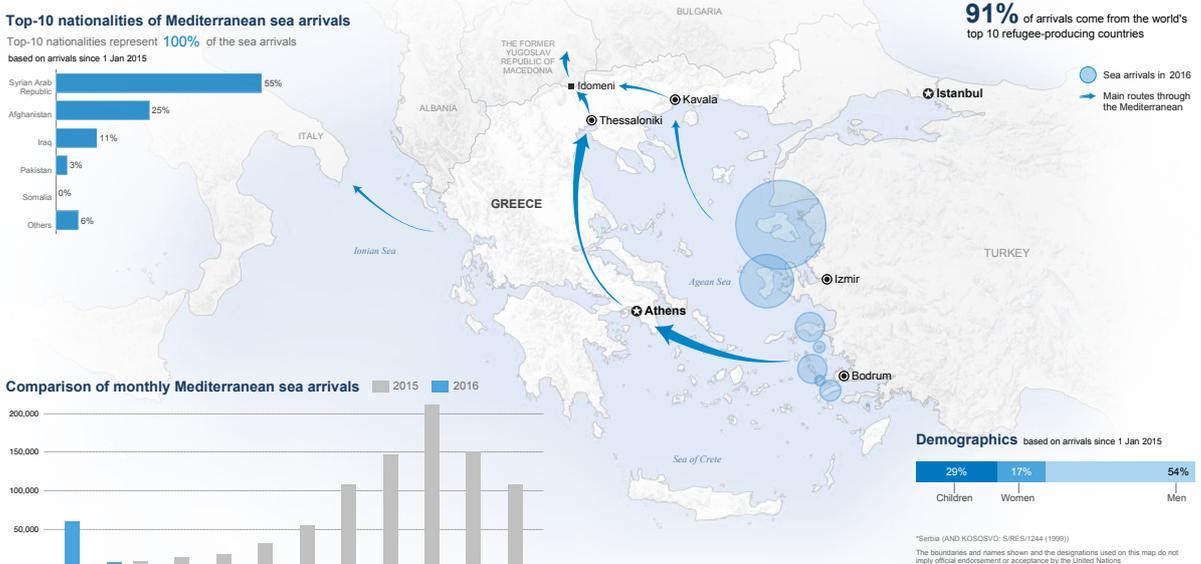
Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



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68,023 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

