



## Arrivals and Departures

Primarily due to poor weather conditions, in the past five days, the number of arrivals to the Greek islands remained significantly low with an average of 209 daily. As sea conditions are expected to calm and temperatures rise starting on 16 February, UNHCR expects a significant increase in arrival figures. Fluctuation of the number of people arriving to the different Greek Islands as compared to previous weeks was observed, particularly with an increase of arrivals to Samos.

## Condition of People

Asylum-seekers in Finland will not be repatriated to Hungary as reported by the national broadcaster Yle.

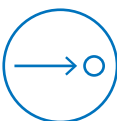
The Turkish authorities apprehended and detained 92 refugees (including 42 children and 15 women) and 8 suspected smugglers in Antalya. Hundreds of

life vests, air pumps, rubber boats were discovered and seized on the bus intended for transport to the shore. This apprehension follows two similar incidents reported on Sunday 14 February, of 97 Syrian refugees, including 22 children, discovered in the trailer of a truck near the border with Bulgaria. Another case occurred close to the border with Bulgaria, with 31 Syrian refugees and the driver of the truck detained near a Turkish village.

On 15 February, Austrian authorities informed the Slovenian police that unaccompanied and separated children who arrive in Austria without any relatives will be returned to Slovenia. UNHCR is following up on relevant child protection consequences.

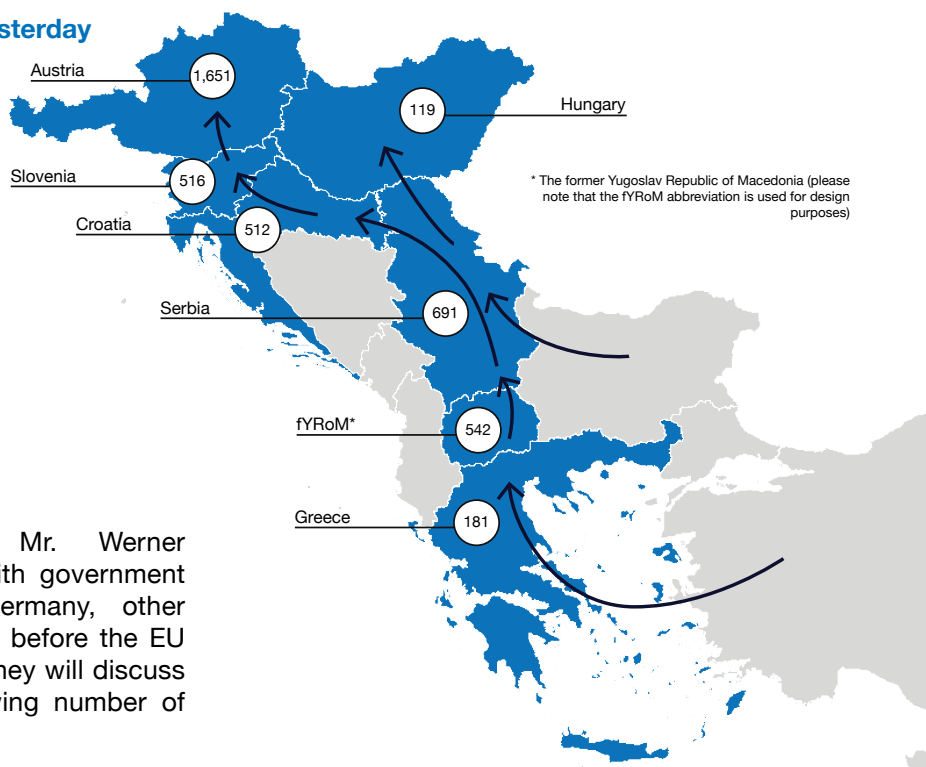
## Deaths at Sea

None reported.



## Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday

Greece	181
fYRoM*	542
Serbia	691
Croatia	512
Hungary	119
Slovenia	516
Austria	1,651



## Critical Developments

Austrian Federal Chancellor, Mr. Werner Faymann, organized a meeting with government representatives from France, Germany, other EU nations and Turkey, to be held before the EU summit in Brussels on Thursday. They will discuss the migration crisis and the growing number of people fleeing air strikes in Syria.

Austrian authorities announced it will place six countries, including Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, on its list of "safe countries of origin", as it seeks to curb the number of economic migrants. Last month, neighbouring Germany also declared Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia safe countries of origin. The combined number of asylum-seekers in Austria from Algeria and Morocco remains well below the 2,000-mark -- a tiny fraction of the 55,000 Syrians and Iraqis who sought asylum between January and November 2015. In total, the nation of

almost nine million people received 90,000 asylum claims in 2015, one of the EU's highest rates per capita. Governments can return arrivals who are not in need of international protection to countries declared as safe.

## Response

In Greece, the hotspot facility on the island of Chios became operational. Over 1,100 people can be registered and accommodated in 75 prefabricated

units, which were restructured according to required international standards. Greek authorities will open four hotspots prior to the EU summit this week. Four of five hotspots will formally open by Wednesday (17 February) on the islands of Lesbos, Chios, Leros and Samos. The fifth centre, on the island of Kos, will be set up at a later stage, according to Greek authorities. Protests by the local community, stating that the population influx has damaged their vital tourism industry, caused delays to construction works.

According to UNHCR, 730 refugees are currently hosted using hotel vouchers while there is a total

capacity of 1,000 people available through this system. At the same time, 160 rented apartments are being prepared to host refugees.

### Weather Headlines

- Heavy rainfall may cause localised flooding in parts of Slovenia and Croatia.
- Very mild for February across the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece and Serbia with temperatures 10 degrees higher than average in places.

### Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece



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



15 February  
**181**  
New Week



8-14 February  
**1,147**  
-1% from previous week



Monthly Average Daily Arrival  
February (as of 15 Feb)  
**1,089**  
-44% from previous month



### Social Media

In analysing the trend of conversations on Twitter surrounding the refugee crisis and Syrian refugees, there have been consistent troughs and peaks since 17 January 2016. The most significant peak in individual tweets using #SyrianRefugees was observed on 1 February, a possible coincidence with the International Military Review of the Syria-Iraq battlespace, as well as talks on NATO's intervention in initiatives to prevent illegal sea crossings into Europe.

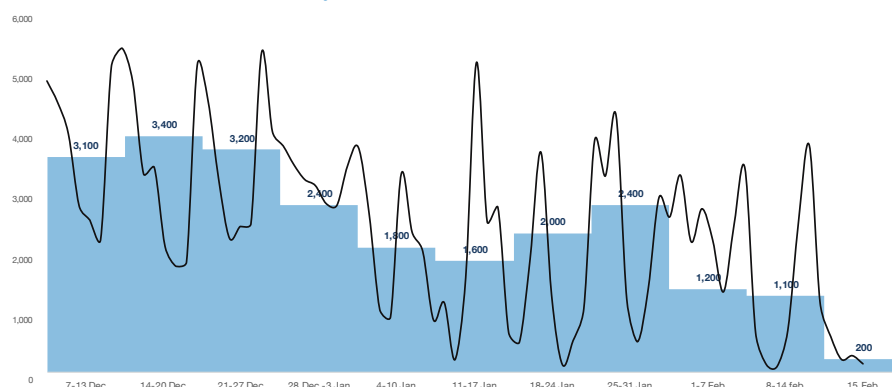
Statistics for #NATO, in correlation to #SyrianRefugees, also exhibited a sharp rise in social media activity particularly on 2 February with an average of 3,200 individual tweets and 4,900

retweets. This can also be compared to Twitter activity of #Syria which showed an extremely sharp rise in retweets (63,500) since 17 January. Figures for 15 February were not far off: 18,300 individual tweets, 58,000 retweets, and 11,270 impressions.

### Current statistics for: #SyrianRefugees

- 138 tweets & 62 retweets per hour
- Over 153,000 impressions per hour
- 34.15% of tweets using #refugeecrisis originated from the US
- Last 30 days: Mondays and Wednesdays presented the most popular days to post individual tweets with an average of 314 on Mondays, and 332 on Wednesdays.

### Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 7 December to 15 February





## Weather Forecast Greece - Slovenia

Key locations crossed by refugees



## Weather Assessment

- Seas around the Greek Islands becoming slight on Wednesday for a few days, previously this has lead to an increase of arrivals.
- Daily maximum temperatures are very high for the time of year in South East Europe with some warm sunshine during the day in southern Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, temperatures will return to near the average by the weekend. If there has been snowmelt from high ground, rivers may become high and it may be very muddy in places possibly making it difficult to travel on foot.
- Heavy rainfall in parts of Slovenia and Croatia may cause river flooding around the border with Croatia. Rainfall will ease on Wednesday night and it will be more settled on Thursday.

Source: UK Met Office, WMO and Local National Met Services



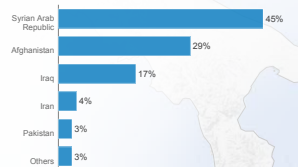
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### Key Figures from the Portal

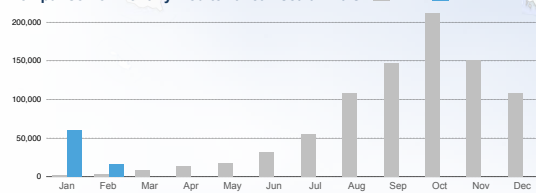
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. 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 2016



#### Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



**76,607** arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

**90%** of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries

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● Sea arrivals in 2016  
→ Main routes through the Mediterranean

#### Demographics based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2016



\*Serbia (AND KOSOVO: S/RES/1244 (1999))  
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#### Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





## Annex 2

### Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

