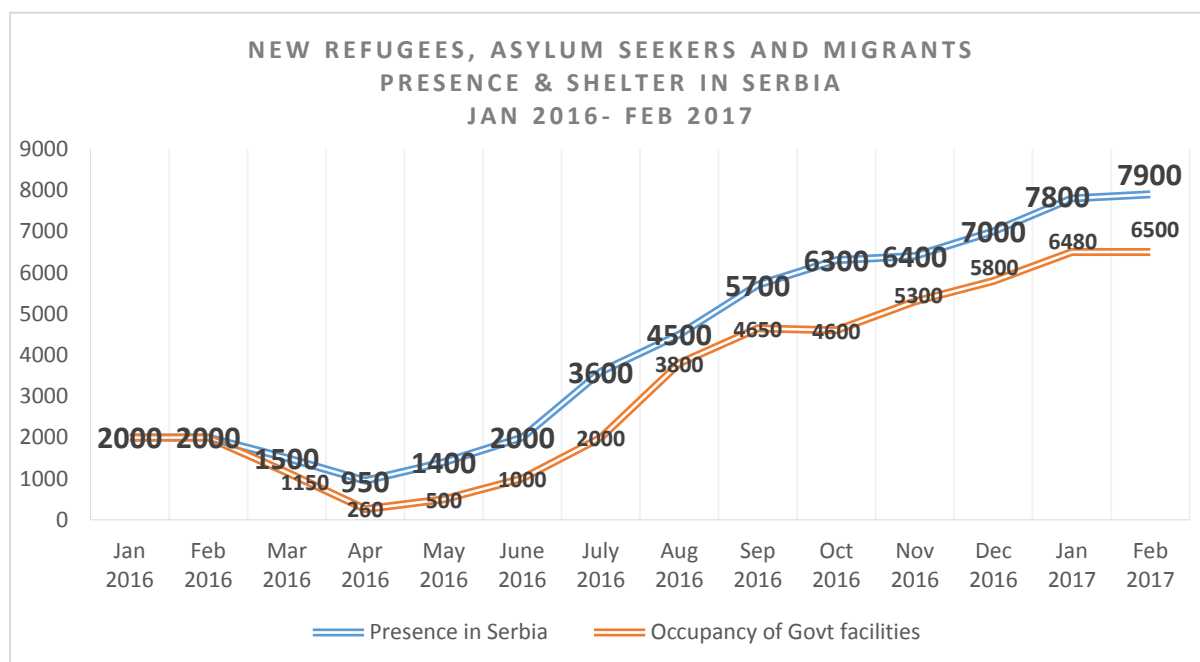


## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The overall number of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in Serbia continued rising to some 7,900. 6,501 (82%) of them were sheltered in 17 heated government facilities. The others were staying rough in Belgrade city centre or in the North near the Hungarian border.
- Efforts to resolve the situation of refugee/migrant men and boys squatting in Belgrade city centre continued. While UNHCR and partners supported authorities in a rapid refurbishment to expand the capacity of the new centre in Obrenovac, no further transfers took place there. UNHCR and partners, however, managed to transport 20 more newly registered asylum seekers from Belgrade to other government centres.
- Hungarian authorities admitted 32 asylum seekers to territory and asylum procedures at the Hungarian “transit zones” near Kelebija and Horgos border crossings. Many refugees and migrants across Serbia grow increasingly restless about decreasing admission numbers and rising waiting periods, indicating that more may try to cross borders irregularly instead.
- Another horrible accident, illustrating the risks of irregular border crossing, took place this morning at the Sid train station, when several refugee and migrant men were trying to hide on a cargo train transporting gas to Croatia. Reportedly, an accidental electric shock caused an explosion, afflicting at least four refugee/migrant men with life-threatening injuries. At the time of writing this report they are still in emergency re-animation.
- During the last three days over 60 asylum-seekers informed UNHCR and partners to have been denied access to asylum procedures in Hungary and collectively expelled back into Serbia.
- During January, the police registered a total of 590 new intentions to seek asylum in Serbia.



## EAST

On 01 February, over 530 asylum seekers were accommodated in four government centres: 91 asylum seekers in the Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad, 57 in Bosilegrad, 239 in Pirot and 152 in Divljana. Most are from Iraq, followed by Afghanistan and Syria and around half of them are children. Authorities provided food and medical services, while NGOs were available for support in non-food items, interpretation and counselling. Authorities also continue with efforts to expand the capacity in Divljana.

## SOUTH

A total of 1,050 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two Reception Centres (RC): Presevo (843) and Bujanovac (207).

UNHCR and partners assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. Upon request of authorities, UNHCR and partners continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children.

## BELGRADE

Over 2,700 refugees and migrants were counted in Belgrade.

Krnjaca AC sheltered 1,139 asylum-seekers. The new facility in Obrenovac accommodated 589 refugees and migrants, including over 270 unaccompanied or separated boys. The police is investigating a report of an alleged attack by refugee/migrant boys on a local woman. Some 1,000 men and boys remain sleeping rough in the city centre.

Humanitarian agencies provided life-saving aid, counselling, support to registration with the police, as well as referrals to child protection and medical services in the city centre. Authorities invited UNHCR and other agencies to Obrenovac to discuss how to meeting remaining humanitarian and protection needs there.

## WEST



*Participants of the Youth Corner, Adasevci Transit Centre (Serbia) UNHCR @01 February 2017*

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered 2,046 refugees and migrants: 1,027 in Adasevci, 648 in Sid and 371 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted authorities with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support and recreational activities.

A health coordination meeting in Sid, discussed vaccination of children, psychosocial support, family planning issues as well as the body lice situation.

## NORTH

Subotica TC sheltered 107 asylum-seekers and Sombor TC 110. Due to the cold weather, only nine asylum seekers camped at Horgos and eight at Kelebija border sites, awaiting admission into Hungarian "transit zones".

UNHCR and partners provided humanitarian aid, including food, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

Groups of unregistered migrant men from North Africa, Pakistan and Afghanistan, sleeping rough around Subotica intending to irregularly enter Hungary, appear to grow again.



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