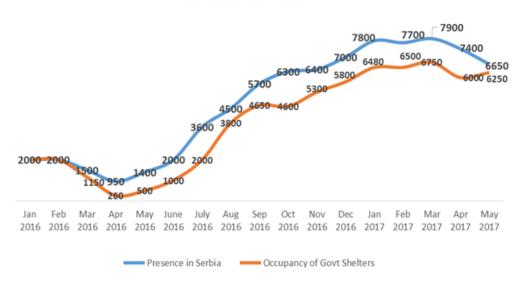


SERBIA UPDATE, 22-28 May 2017

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants continued to stabilise with 6,658 counted in Serbia on 28 May. 94% of them were accommodated in 18 governmental shelters (below chart refers).
- UNHCR and partners met and assisted 71 new arrivals of which 78% arrived from Bulgaria and 22% from FYR Macedonia, including eight unaccompanied and separated children (UASC).
- Reports of **97** collective expulsions from Croatia were received, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures, while 7 were received from Hungary and 16 from Romania.
- 22-24 May, UNHCR Serbia and Romania organized a Cross Border Mission, when UNHCR Serbia together
 with the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees (SCRM) visited Timisoara Reception Center in Romania, and in
 return hosted UNHCR Romania and representatives of the Directorate for Asylum and Integration in Serbia,
 during the visits to Kikinda, Krnjaca and Obrenovac centres.
- With the start of Ramadan on 27 May, food distribution times in all sites were amended to cater to the needs
 of those refugees/migrants who will be fasting.
- 25-28 May, refugees, UNHCR and partners took part in a number of public events:
 - 32 refugee families, including 76 children, from Krnjaca Asylum Centre were supported by UNHCR and partners to attend Baby Exit, an annual festival marking the World Family Day, held in Novi Sad, where they took part in various interactive activities.
 - At the ninth annual Mikser Festival in Belgrade, under the slogan "Migrations", UNHCR participated in a panel discussion with partners on the subject "Refugees and Migrants in Serbia- What's next", discussing the integration and solution issues related to new refugees in the country.
 - UNHCR also supported and took part in the Techfugees hackathon, organized as part of the Belgrade Smart City Festival 2017, which looked into finding solutions for refugee integration in the smart cities of the future.
- 01-28 May, 488 individuals registered intention to seek asylum in Serbia.

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EAST

512 refugees and migrant were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 209 in Pirot, 199 in Divljana, 61 in Dimitrovgrad and 43 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

SOUTH

660 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the Reception Centres of Presevo (578) and Bujanovac (82).

Majority of the residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (56%) and Iraq (29%), and 48% are children. In Bujanovac, which continues to accommodate only families with children and UASCs, majority are from Iraq (48%) and from Syria (29%), while 60% are children.



Refugee children from Krnjaca AC participated in Baby Exit Festival, Novi Sad (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 27 May 2017

BELGRADE

The number of refugees and migrants in Belgrade city centre remained very low, according to the authorities at some 350.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 944 asylumseekers (including 200 UASCs), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

1,297 refugees and migrants (including 358 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most are from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq or Syria, and other countries.

WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **1,441** refugees and migrants: 918 in Adasevci, 202 in Sid and 321 in Principovac. They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan, Iraq, and Syria.

NORTH

44 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary. Only three asylum seekers camped at Horgos (1) and Kelebija (2) border sites. Subotica TC sheltered 133 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 281, and Kikinda TC 239, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.



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