

SERBIA UPDATE, 26 June-02 July 2017

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- On 02 July, the overall number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants counted in Serbia stood at **5,895**. 94% were accommodated in 18 governmental centres (below chart refers).
- At end-June, some 80% of residents in governmental centres were from so-called refugee-producing countries: Afghanistan (62%), Iraq (13%) and Syria (5%). 12% were from Pakistan and 8% from other countries. 40% were children, 12% adult women and 48% adult men.
- Some centres, especially the Transit Centres (TC) in Adasevci, Principovac and Sombor remained overcrowded, where some 200 refugees and migrants, including families and unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), were accommodated in temporary emergency shelters of rub halls or tents.
- On 28 June the authorities transferred 59 men and boys, mostly from Afghanistan, who were sleeping rough in/near Sid, to the Presevo Reception Centre (RC).
- UNHCR and partners received testimonies of 61 collective expulsions from Croatia, with many alleging to have been denied access to asylum procedures there, while 89 were received from Hungary, including allegations of mis-treatment by Hungarian authorities.
- In June, 329 refugees/migrants registered an intention to seek asylum in Serbia.



EAST

490 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 190 in Pirot, 196 in Divljana, 58 in Dimitrovgrad and 46 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq and Afghanistan, followed by Syria, while around half are children.

SOUTH

834 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (608), Vranje (134) and Bujanovac (92).

Most residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan (46%), Iraq (27%) and Pakistan (16%) and 44% are children. In Bujanovac, most are from Iraq (35%) and from Syria (26%) and Afghanistan (24%) while 52% are children. The residents of Vranje RC are families and UASCs from Afghanistan, 55% children.

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BELGRADE

It is estimated that some 180 refugees/migrants stayed in Belgrade city centre.

Krnjaca Asylum Centre accommodated 922 asylum-seekers (including 217 UASC), mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria.

919 male refugees/migrants (including 211 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. Centre for Social Work, supported by UNHCR and partners, continued with systematic best interest assessments for all the UASC in Obrenovac.

WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered **1,111** refugees and migrants: 785 in Adasevci and 326 in Principovac. They are mainly from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan, Iraq, and Syria.



NORTH

This week, 48 asylum seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria were admitted into Hungary.

On 02 July, three asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 112 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 221, and Kikinda TC 252, mostly families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

Workshop for teenagers, Kikinda TC, (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 27 June 2017

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