



United Nations Country Team in Turkey
Daily Situation Report on the Situation Pertaining to Syria

July 22, 2012

Officially as of July 20, 2012 the total camp population is **43,387** with the arrival of 710 and return of 559 persons on July 19-20, 2012.

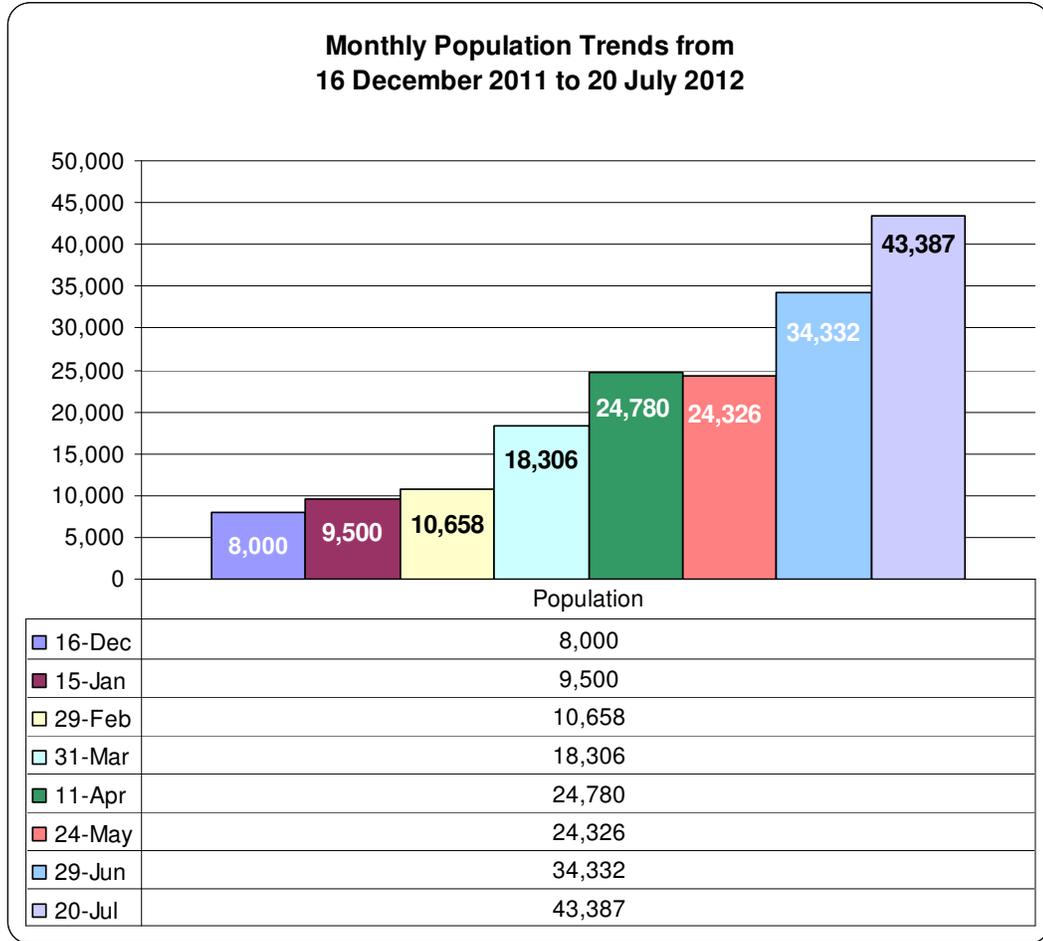
1. Highlights:

- ❖ From May 24 to July 17, 2012 there has been an increase of 78 % in total number of Syrians currently provided temporary protection by the Turkish Government.
- ❖ According to Government officials, apart from the two new sites in Gaziantep/Karkamış, Şanlıurfa/Akçakale, and the expansion of Kilis/Öncüpınar container camp, two more new sites were identified to open new camps in Gaziantep/Nizip and Kahramanmaraş/Türkoğlu towns each for 10,000 people.
- ❖ WFP Team on mission in the region had visited the camps in Kilis, Islahiye and Akçakale and met with the authorities in charge of the camps (Governorates, AFAD, Kızılay) and discussed the operational issues with regards to the food assistance in the camps.
- ❖ At the Kilis container site on July 22, 2012 there were reportedly some problems with the new card system (through which assistance is provided) recently started and the system had to be suspended until the problem is solved. This caused a reaction from the camp residents who requested cash assistance. Camp residents also complained of shortage of water about high prices in the supermarkets in the camps, etc. On July 22, 2012 it was reported that an incident took place in the camp and camp residents destroyed the facilities such as the grocery store in the camp while protesting the conditions.
- ❖ In Islahiye camp, Gaziantep, on July 22, 2012, another incident took place due reportedly to a number of factors. Reportedly Sunni residents already established in the camp did not want the newly arrived Turkmens to be settled in the camp. The situation got out of control and the authorities called special forces/anti riot police to interfere to stop the riot however the registration building at the entrance was severely destroyed and is now at least temporarily unusable. It was reported in the national media and also confirmed locally that during the riot, some of the Syrians took down the Turkish flag put up the Syrian flag, which also triggered reactions from the local Turkish people who gathered in front of the camp. Reportedly three staff and three Syrians were injured.
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/syrians-revolt-fly-own-flag-at-refugee-camp-inturkey.aspx?pageID=238&nID=26083&NewsCatID=359>

As an interim measure, about 400 Turkmens will be relocated in the regional boarding school (*Yatılı İlköğretim Bölge Okulu*) in Islahiye and most likely another 1200 more will be moved to the same boarding school tomorrow. A group of new arrivals (two-three buses) had to be redirected to Ceylanpinar.

- ❖ It has been reported in the local and international media and locally confirmed that the opposition (FSA) have taken control on the Syrian side of a 3rd border crossing namely Bab Al Salama. Earlier in the week, it was reported that the border crossings of Bab Al Hawa (near Reyhanli) and Jarablus (near Karkamis) have also been taken under the control of FSA.
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/syrian-rebels-capture-third-post-on-turkish-border-diplomat.aspx?pageID=238&nID=26041&NewsCatID=359>
- ❖ On July 23, 2012 it was reported on the Turkish media referring to New York Times that the North Eastern part of Syria in the Governmental offices are being under the control of Kurdish - Syrian wing of PKK - Democratic Union Party (PYD).
<http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/planet/21046842.asp>
- ❖ It has been reported that there were 13 Turkish trucks stranded in the Syrian side across the border from Reyhanlı. Reportedly the trucks were looted and one of them was burned. The drivers claimed that their trucks were looted/burned by the oppositions. As a security measure, it appears that the Governor of Hatay strongly recommended/advised not to use the border crossing to Syria. However this is not affecting the open border policy of the Turkish Government with regard to the Syrians seeking to enter and secure protection in Turkey.
<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-truck-drivers-accuse-rebels-of-looting.aspx?pageID=238&nID=26033&NewsCatID=352>
- ❖ Media also reported that there was a fire on the Syrian side getting very close to Turkish border near Hatay. Reportedly by the camp manager the fire had reached to the Turkish forests and the helicopters have been flying over trying to take the fire under control.

Total number of registered persons from December 16, 2011 to July 20, 2012 is reflected below.



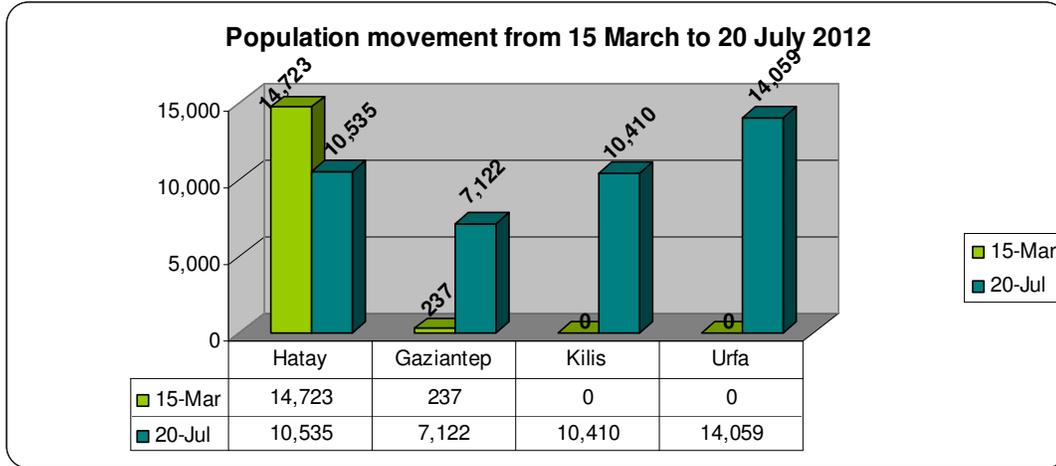
Currently arrivals from Syria are assisted in the border provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Şanlıurfa.

As of July 20, 2012 the city breakdown in the region is as follows:

- Hatay population* : 10,535 individuals
- Gaziantep population in İslahiye†: 7,122 individuals
- Kilis population in Öncüpınar container site: 11,410 individuals
- Şanlıurfa population in Ceylanpınar: 14,059 individuals
- **In Hospitals: 261 individuals (231 patients+30 companions)**

*: The population of the Kuyubaşı/Karbeyaz, Yayladağı 2 (YİBO) and Reyhanlı camps in Hatay is moved to İslahiye camp in Gaziantep and to Öncüpınar container site in Kilis. It has been reported that these empty camps will be kept for while as standby and there is some use of these camps for new arrivals.

Population movement from Hatay to Gaziantep (Islahiye Camp), Kilis (Öncüpınar Container site) and Şanlıurfa (Ceylanpınar), from March 15[†] to July 20, 2012 is reflected below.



Please find below the map of the region including current **eight camps** in Hatay, Kilis, Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa as of July 20, 2012.



*** The number mentioned as Hatay is the cumulative population of four camps in Altınözü (Tekel), Altınözü (Boynuyoğun), Yayladağı (Tekel) and Hatay Apaydin

[†] 15 March is the date of first movement took place from Hatay.