



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

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Latest Official figures announced by the Government of Turkey on **August 9, 2012**

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Official Total Camp Population in Turkey: **50,227**

source of information: www.afetacil.gov.tr/

Unofficial Figure is over 56,000 in Turkey

With the arrival of 2219 and return of 71 persons on 08-09 August 2012. source: www.afetacil.gov.tr/

Highlights

- Today, no new official figures were reported by the Government. However, according to authorities in Kilis - with the recent arrival of Syrian nationals from Aleppo - the total population in Turkey increased over 10% during the weekend and exceeds 56,000.
- Authorities informed that, due to shortage of capacity in the existing camps, temporary measures are taken to accommodate Syrian nationals. Reportedly, 1,000 of new arrivals were referred to Gaziantep and placed in boarding schools in Oğuzeli town and some few hundreds were placed in indoor sports gym in İslahiye. Additional 2,000 are at the border in Kilis/Öncüpınar in the process of admission and will be referred to Osmaniye to be placed in boarding schools until the camp site in Osmaniye becomes operational. MFA Representative in Kilis also confirmed that, new arrivals awaiting for further referral, are provided with humanitarian assistance at the border.
- Regional Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also informed that, as of this week the camp in Akçakale will resume to admit Syrian nationals. However, as a result of the sharp increase in the number of new arrival, 60% of camp capacity is already full. It was also reported that the new camp in Karkamis is expected to be opened by end of August 2012. The planned capacity of this camp is 10,000.

