



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

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| Latest figures announced by AFAD on: | October 30, 2012 | By: | October 31, 2012 |
| Total Number of Arrivals since April 2011: | 152,051 | Unofficial number of Syrians in Camps: | 110,000 |
| Official Total Current Population in Turkey: | 107,769 | Estimated no of Syrians Living in Urban: | 60-70,000 |

Source: MFA Kilis, other sources

Highlights

- No new official figures announced by the Government of Turkey however according to information from the Regional Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the total number of Syrians registered and accommodated in the camps has increased **(20% in October)** to **109,364**. According to the information from the authorities since the beginning of the crisis (April 2011) about 154 thousand Syrians came to Turkey and more than 44 thousand of them returned to Syria.
- Reportedly during the 24 hrs of 30-31 October **1,564** new arrival Syrians were admitted and registered while **242** Syrians have returned to Syria voluntarily. Unless they have immediate family members in other camps, the new arrivals are referred to Adiyaman, Gaziantep-Nizip-1 and Şanlıurfa-Akçakale since the expansion part of the Akçakale has also been completed and started to admit people. UNHCR Field Team members continued to observe the vol-rep interviews in the camps.
- UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Protection has visited the camps in Kilis and Osmaniye, met with the officials discussed the services provided to the refugee women, children and vulnerable groups and also talked to the Syrian Refugees in the camps on October 31, 2012. The AHC-P will provide an overview of the protection situation upon her completion of the regional visit.
- According to the Government Officials the borders are open to those who would like to seek asylum although the process is slow. Reportedly some more than 10,000 Syrians are provided humanitarian assistance at the zero point of the border by the Turkish Red Crescent however it remains unclear exactly how many people there are, the specific conditions of their stay, and the procedures in place to advance their processing where they are seeking to enter Turkey for protection.

