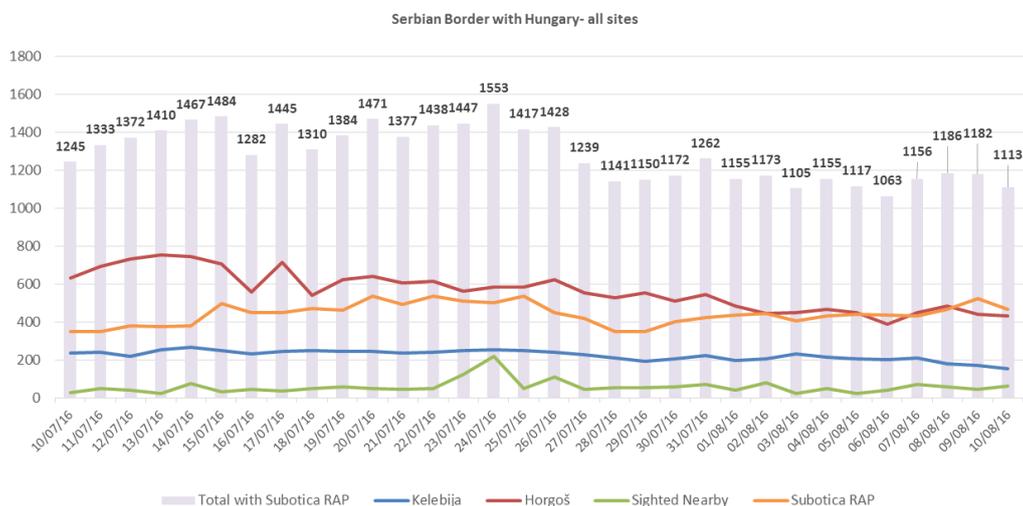


**HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS**

- The estimated total number of refugees/migrants/asylum-seekers rose to 4,000, of which around 1,100 gathered in the **North** to (re-)enter the EU/Hungary.
- Attempts by authorities to decongest the border sites at Horgos and Kelebija by offering better conditions in governmental centres bore fruit. As a result, the number of asylum-seekers waiting for admission to Hungary near the border shrunk to 583 - predominantly women and children (63%) from Afghanistan and Syria, while over 67% of aforementioned 4,000 persons were accommodated in governmental facilities, including around 638 asylum-seekers in Asylum Centres and 2,043 refugees/migrants in Reception Centres/Refugee Aid Points (RAPs).
- The situation in **Belgrade**, however, remained challenging, with some 450 refugees/migrants staying overnight in the city centre, while up to 310 asylum-seekers were sheltered in the Asylum Centre (AC) of Krnjača.
- 156 persons expressed their intent to seek **asylum** in Serbia, bringing the total for August to 494 and for the year 2016 to 6,630 (statistics courtesy of the Ministry of Interior).
- Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs and Chair of Government WG on Mixed Migration Aleksandar Vulin stated that Serbia will provide everyone with the possibility to seek asylum, but will not allow illegal entries into its territory.


**SOUTH**

With referrals of new arrivals from FYRo Macedonia, Bulgaria and other reception facilities, occupancy of the Presevo Reception Centre (RC) increased to **280** refugees/migrants, of which 50% from Afghanistan, 18% from Pakistan and less than 10% each from Iraq or Syria.

High numbers of single young men from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Algeria and Morocco led to security concerns, which needed to be addressed by authorities, UNHCR and partners, also by creating representative structures (including women refugee reps).

The SCRMs, UNHCR, UNICEF, the Red Cross, Indigo, CRS-BCM, ADRA, ATINA, Group 484, Humedica, SOS Children's Villages, DRC, Save the Children, Care, Caritas, REMAR, Philanthropy, Border Free, Youth For Refugees, KinderBerg, assisted them with food/NFIs, medical services, interpretation, counselling, referrals, as well as recreational activities.

**WEST**

SCRMs RAPs in the West hosted an average of **1,240** refugees/migrants, mainly referred there from the North, but also from Belgrade and the East. On 10 August, 418 were accommodated at Šid RAP, 558 at Adaševci RAP and 320 at Principovac RAP. The majority were nationals of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq.

They were assisted by SCRM, UNHCR, HCIT, UNICEF, IOM, Caritas, Philanthropy, DRC, APC, the Red Cross, MSF, MDM, IDC, Ministry of Labour and WAHA doctors.

On 10 August, a group of 10 persons was arrested in the village of Ilinci near Sid, while attempting to cross into Croatia irregularly.

## NORTH



Afghan asylum-seeker obtained a birth certificate for his baby born in Subotica hospital, Subotica (Serbia), @HCIT, 10 Aug 2016

Some 1,113 asylum seekers were present at the end of the reporting period at the border with Hungary. Of these 430 were in Horgos I and 153 in Kelebija - predominantly women and children (63%) from Afghanistan and Syria - waiting for long periods of time in difficult conditions, as the weather turned colder with cold showers on 10 August.

The SCRM, UNHCR, HCIT, UNICEF, IOM, MSF, MDM, HELP, CRS/BCM, Group 484 and the Red Cross provided humanitarian aid, including bottled water, food, fresh fruits, hygiene packages, mosquito repellents, and other non-food items, medical assistance as well as legal and other counselling.

The SCRM sheltered up to 470 asylum-seekers in the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) of Subotica.

Hungary continued admitting approximately 30 asylum-seekers per day. Ninety-three asylum seekers were admitted into Hungarian "transit zones" during the reporting period. Close to 50 refugees/migrants that had been pushed-back from Hungary into Serbia were encountered and interviewed.

A woman from Afghanistan gave birth to a healthy baby girl at the hospital in Sremska Mitrovica on 10 August. The Registry Office of Subotica furnished another Afghan baby that had been born on 5 August with a birth certificate in accelerated procedures thanks to an agreement between the municipality and UNHCR partner HCIT.

## BELGRADE

NGOs assisted between 200 and **620** refugees/migrants daily in the city centre. Krnjaca AC continued to admit only registered asylum-seekers.

The Asylum Info Centre (AIC) assisted, counselled and referred many refugees/migrants, including to asylum procedures, accommodation in Krnjaca AC and medical services. Identified unaccompanied minors were referred to the Centre for Social Welfare. UNHCR/DRC and MDM doctors treated refugees/migrants during the day, while MSF and the Real Medicine Foundation (RMF) were on duty at night.

The Red Cross, Info Park, Divac Foundation, Refugee Aid Miksaliste, Refugee Aid Serbia, Caritas and others provided food and other aid. UNHCR continued to promoting to replace the distribution of dry food rations to migrant men in the parks with warm meals that produce less garbage and cannot be re-sold on markets.



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