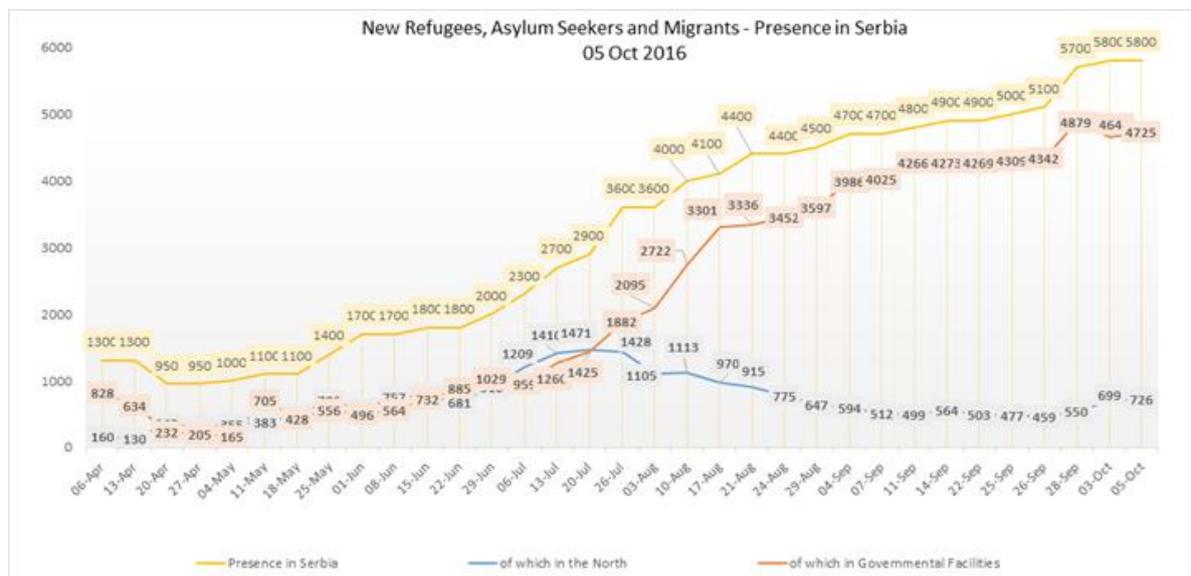


HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants, encountered by UNHCR and partners in Serbia, kept rising, to around **5,800**. 81% (or 4,725) were accommodated in governmental facilities, with 1,780 in five Asylum Centres and 2,954 in Refugee Aid Points/Reception Centre, while the others were counted at night in Belgrade City or the border with Hungary. UNHCR, authorities and partners maintained reinforced presence and support at all sites throughout the country.
- New irregular arrivals continue being encountered throughout the country, with smugglers reportedly using different border stretches in response to increased police and army presence. UNHCR and partners encountered 214 new arrivals. Most claimed to have entered Serbia from Bulgaria (71%), and fewer from Albania (18%) or fYRoM (10%).
- With all current governmental accommodation (except the Reception Centre in Presevo, but including the Asylum Centre of Krnjaca in Belgrade) fully occupied, the numbers of refugees/migrants counted sleeping rough in the centre of Belgrade City increased again to over 700.
- On 04 October, a group of some 200 refugee and migrant men, mainly from Afghanistan and Pakistan, including a few children, went on a protest march from Belgrade towards the Hungarian border. The March ended peacefully the following morning some 20km North of Belgrade, when the Serbian Commissioner for Refugees and Migration (SCRM) arranged for the transport of the demonstrators back to Belgrade.
- 179 persons expressed their intention to seek asylum in Serbia over the reporting period, bringing the total for October to 247 and the whole year to 9,320. According to Ministry of Interior statistics, in September, 951 intentions to seek asylum in Serbia were registered. 40% were made by men, 14% and 46% were registered for children. Most applications were made by nationals of Afghanistan (53%), Syria (20%), Iraq (15%), Pakistan (6%) and other nationalities (6%). During September, one asylum-seeker was granted refugee status and one subsidiary protection, bringing the total of first instance asylum decisions in 2016 to 68, compared to 29 in the same period of 2015.



SOUTH

The Presevo Reception Centre (RC) accommodated some 660 refugees and migrants, most from Afghanistan (60%), Iraq (16%) or Syria (13%), with 11% from other countries. About half are children.

The authorities, UNHCR and all other organizations active in the RC, assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities.

BELGRADE

Over 700 refugees, asylum seekers and migrants continued being encountered and assisted in the city centre every day and night. On 5 October the Asylum Centre of Krnjaca sheltered 1,058 asylum-seekers/migrants. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and Iraq.

Various Civil Society Organisations provided assistance, counselling and facilitated many referrals, including to asylum procedures, registration with the police, accommodation in the Asylum Centre and medical services. CRCPC escorted over 100 for asylum registration and referred at least ten Unaccompanied and Separated Children to Centre for Social Work. UNHCR/DRC and MDM doctors treated over 100 refugee/migrant patients during the reporting period.

NORTH

The total number of asylum seekers in all locations in the North remained relatively stable, albeit with a slight increase, as on 05 October around 720 were counted compared to 680 three days ago. Those included some 400 sheltered by the SCRM in the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) of Subotica and some 280 camping in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian “transit zones” of Horgos I and Kelebija. Among the asylum seekers at the border sites, two thirds were women and children from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and Subotica RAP residents remained mainly single men from Pakistan or Afghanistan, while some 141 were children.

The SCRM, UNHCR, and other organizations provided humanitarian aid, including bottled water, food, fresh fruits, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

Hungary admitted 91 asylum seekers in the last three days, while UNHCR and partners encountered some eight individuals who reported to have been pushed-back into Serbia from Hungary without being granted access to asylum procedures after having tried to enter it irregularly.

WEST



*IT corner at Sid RAP, Sid
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The Refugee Aid Points in Sid, Adasevci and Principovac sheltered 1,882 refugees and migrants on 05 October. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Syria and Pakistan, with the rest from Iraq, Iran, Bangladesh, Morocco or Algeria.

Civil Society Organizations assisted with food, and non-food as well as medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities.

Reports of attempts to irregularly enter Croatia continued. Some 14 refugees/migrants from Afghanistan, Iraq and Algeria reported to have been pushed-back from Croatia to Serbia, without being granted access to asylum procedures there.



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