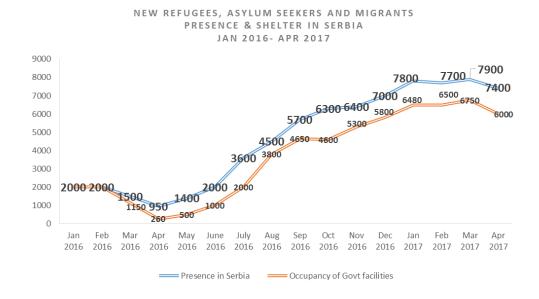


SERBIA UPDATE, 24-30 April 2017

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- The number of new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants in Serbia continued to stabilize. **7,364** were counted on 30 April. 5,985 (i.e. 81%) were accommodated in 18 governmental centres across the country, while the rest were counted squatting mainly in Belgrade City.
- Based on all available information, 43% of those accommodated are children, 42% adult men, and 15% adult women; 57% originate from Afghanistan, 19% from Iraq, 13% from Pakistan, 6% from Syria and 5% from other counties.
- Authorities started closing temporary emergency shelters in rub halls. Relocations from Sid
 Transit Centre (TC) began on 25 April and at least 180 single men and boys have been
 transferred so far, allowing for the closure of one of the two rub halls there. The other two
 centres that still use rub halls to accommodate refugees/migrants are Adasevci and
 Principovac TCs, also in the West.
- During the week only six asylum seekers reported to have been collectively expelled from Hungary, being denied access to asylum procedures after entering Hungary irregularly, while 48 reported the same re Croatia.
- On 28 April, authorities gathered 108 foreign nationals (107 male) who were planning to irregularly enter Croatia from Sid and its vicinity and transported them to the Reception Centre in Presevo, where they were duly received, registered, aided and accommodated, with the support of UNHCR. 88% were from Afghanistan, almost all Pashtu speaking, and only 12% from four other countries. 63% were unaccompanied or separated boys (UASC)! Below 2% reported to have been in Serbia for less than six months, below 5% for 6-7 months, 46% for 8-11 months, and over 47% for one year or longer already. Below 5% had requested asylum in Serbia, while many carried documents showing that at one time or another they had been accommodated in a governmental centre.
- The number of asylum-seekers arriving irregularly in Romania, mainly through Serbia, rose from 327 in March to 613 during 1-28 April.
- On 27 April, ten smuggling victims from Afghanistan and Pakistan, of whom four were already unconscious, were found in an abandoned vehicle in Nis. Most, including four UASC, had to be hospitalised in Nis, due to the crammed, suffocating conditions they had been transported in. One survivor remains hospitalized, as others were placed in government shelters.





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EAST

512 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 200 in Pirot, 208 in Divljana, 57 in Dimitrovgrad and 47 in Bosilegrad. Most are from Iraq, followed by Afghanistan and Syria and around half are children.

SOUTH

1,018 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the Reception Centres of Presevo (852) and Bujanovac (166). Currently, 52% of residents of Presevo RC are children (incl. 213 UASCs), 33% are adult men, and 15% adult women; 62% are from Afghanistan, 23% from Iraq, 8% from Pakistan, and 4% from Syria.

BELGRADE

Over **3,000** refugees and migrants continued to be counted in Belgrade. Krnjaca AC accommodated 830 asylum-seekers, mainly families from Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria. 1,014 male refugees/migrants (including 339 UASC) were sheltered in Obrenovac. Most were from Afghanistan, followed by Pakistan and very few from Iraq, Syria, and other countries. According to the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM), 1,350 refugees and migrants, mostly men and boys from Afghanistan or Pakistan sleep rough in the city centre.

WEST

Transit Centres in the West sheltered **1,461** refugees and migrants: 830 in Adasevci, 320 in Sid and 301 in Principovac.



Children in Sombor Transit Centre playground, Sombor (Serbia), ©UNHCR, 26 April 2017

NORTH

Fifty asylum seekers, mainly families but also single men, were admitted by Hungary. Only 13 were camping outside Horgos (3) and Kelebija (10) "transit zones".

Subotica TC sheltered 149, Sombor TC 157 and Kikinda TC 182 asylum-seekers, all families from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, waiting for admission into Hungary.



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