



Arrivals/Departure: The border crossing between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia reopened and those declaring their intended final destination as Germany or Austria were allowed to cross. The number of people arriving by sea to Greece increased whilst the ferry strike continued, with temporary accommodation capacity on the islands becoming fully utilised.

Bottlenecks: At the border crossing between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 23 people were returned to the Greek border for being of other nationalities than Afghan, Iraqi or Syrian. Similarly, 6 men were returned from Serbia. At the border crossing between Slovenia and Austria, 29 people, mainly of Afghan, Syrian and Moroccan nationality, were returned from Austria as they did not intend to seek asylum in Austria or Germany. They will be re-registered and sent to Austria. In Serbia, at Sid, 85 people spent the night at the centre, of which 51 had been returned by Croatian authorities.

Condition of People: In Greece on the island of Lesbos, an increased number of arrivals coupled with the ferry strike led to a shortage of available temporary shelter. In order to prevent people becoming stranded at the port amidst cold weather, Internews continued an information campaign advising people to stay in Moria and Kara Tepe. On Leros, reception capacity is overstretched due to high ar-

rival numbers, delayed release notes, and the ferry strikes. UNHCR advocated with ferry services and the police for a solution. Hunger strikes by detainees continued. Of the 135 persons subject to police directive on Leros, 35 individuals remained in detention facilities whilst the remainder were administratively detained and free to move about on the island. On Chios, following over 1,000 arrivals on 20 January, Souda facility became overcrowded. On the Island of Leros where detainees are on hunger strike, the transfer process of North Africans from islands to mainland remains delayed and tensions increased.

Deaths at Sea: On 21 January, 10 people drowned after a boat carrying refugees and migrants to Greece sank off Turkey's western coast, as reported by Turkish media.

On 22 January, two boats carrying refugees and migrants from Turkey to Greece sank in the Aegean leaving at least 21 dead off the Greek islands of Farmakonisi and Kalolimnos, with dozens rescued by the Greek Coast Guard. UNHCR and partners provided assistance to survivors to meet their basic needs including accommodation, counseling and liaison with authorities. In Athens, UNHCR liaised with the Hellenic Red Cross and ICRC for further support on forensic and tracing activities.



Critical Developments

In Slovenia, on 21 January, the Interior Minister announced that Slovenian authorities will begin implementing the policy through which those who do not intend to seek asylum in Austria or Germany would not be registered and allowed to continue their travel to Austria. 14 people from Syria, Morocco and Iraq, who expressed their will to travel to Norway, were not registered. At the time, police forces were uncertain whether Croatian authorities will accept their return.

The Minister of Interior in the caretaker government, Ranko Ostojic, reiterated that Croatia will not become a "collection centre" for refugees and migrants. In Greece, the mayor of Kos sent a letter to the central government proposing a list of ten locations where an "identification and registration"

centre can be created. The establishment of such centres is conditional upon the withdrawal of the decision to establish a hotspot in Linopoti and a 24-hour limit for refugees to remain on Kos, alongside other conditions.

Weather Headlines

- Very cold conditions will persist across the region until early next week.
- Strong to gale force northerly winds are expected in the Aegean Sea this weekend.
- Less cold conditions are expected to develop from the northwest and gradually spread southeast through next week.



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Media and Social Media

- Bulgaria: Human Rights Watch (HRW) accused Bulgarian law enforcement officials of robbing and torturing refugees and migrants before returning them to Turkey. An interview with 45 refugees and migrants of Afghan, Syrian, and Iraqi nationality, found that 26 were beaten by police or bitten by police dogs.
- Germany: Germans have taken to social media platforms (namely Twitter) to air their frustrations over the liberal attitude Chancellor Merkel continues to demonstrate in regards to the European migrant situation. Most call for similar acts taken by Sweden, Denmark, and Austria.
- UK: Supporters gathered outside London St Pancras station to welcome four Syrian refugees (three teenagers and a 26 year-old man). The group won a UK asylum court ruling due to substandard conditions in the Calais 'Jungle'.



Average Daily Arrivals and Trends Greece

4 - 10 January
1,831
-23% from previous week



18 - 21 January
2,078
43% from previous week



11 - 17 January
1,458
-20% from previous week



January (as of 21 Jan)
1,791
-46% from previous month

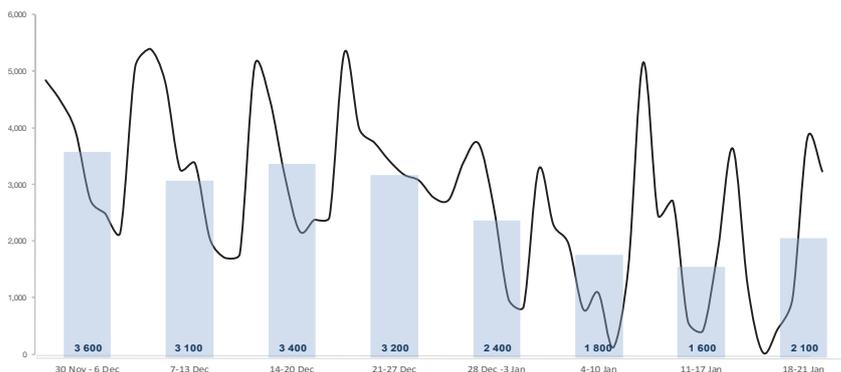


Estimated Arrivals per Country Yesterday



Daily and Weekly Average Arrivals to Greece 30 November to 21 January

*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
(please note that the fYRoM abbreviation is used only for design purposes)





Weather conditions forecast for Greece and Countries of Onward Movements
Key locations crossed by refugees



Weather Assessment

- Temperatures are expected to remain significantly below average across SE Europe through this weekend and the first half of next week. Across the mainland, temperatures will continue to fall to between -5°C and -10°C overnight, locally to -15°C. The persistence of these low temperatures is expected to maintain the increased number of people with specific needs presenting respiratory illnesses.
- Strong to gale force northerly winds are expected to persist across the Aegean Sea this weekend before gradually easing through

the first half of next week. Analysis of previous events would suggest these conditions may reduce the number of arrivals to the Greek Islands. Research also indicated that people exposed to these lower temperatures for long periods of time are at higher risk of hypothermia.

- Less cold conditions are expected to develop across the north of the region during the first half of next week, with this trend gradually spreading southeast.



Annex 1

Key Figures from the Portal

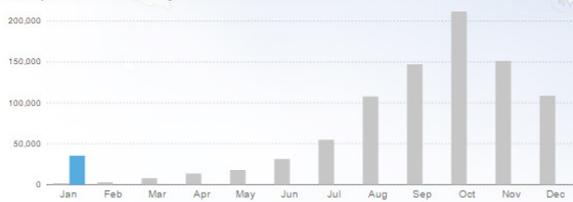
Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life.

Top-10 nationalities of Mediterranean sea arrivals

Top-10 nationalities represent 100% of the sea arrivals based on arrivals since 1 Jan 2015



Comparison of monthly Mediterranean sea arrivals



35,455 arrivals by sea in 2016

856,723 arrivals by sea in 2015

91% of arrivals come from the world's top 10 refugee-producing countries



Following the humanitarian crisis in Europe: Estimated daily arrivals





Annex 2

Refugee/Migrant Onward Movement Map

