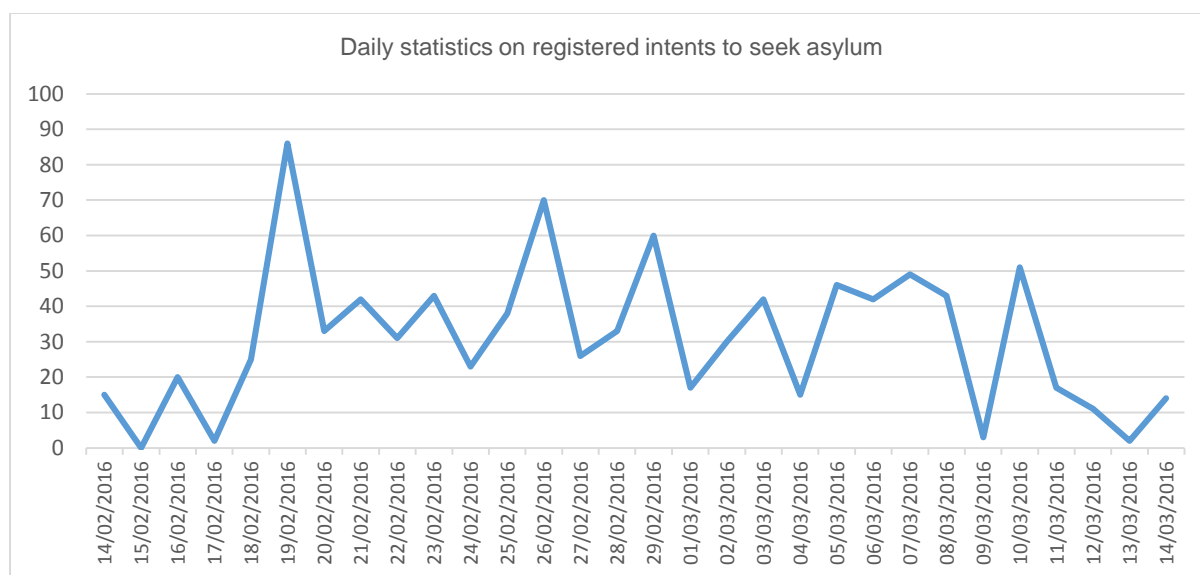


STATISTICS

Estimate of refugees/asylum-seekers currently in Serbia	2,000 (of which 850 in Sid/Adasevci, 682 in Presevo, 302 in four Asylum Centres and nine in Centres for Minors)
Number of expressed intents to seek asylum in Serbia*	14 (bringing the total in March 2016 to 387)

*Ministry of Interior (MOI) daily statistics



No arrivals or departures were recorded.

SOUTH

The **682** stranded refugees, accommodated in the Reception Centre (RC) in Presevo, comprise 35% Syrians, 34% Afghans, and 30% Iraqi. 33% are children, 29% women and 38% men. Individual protection/solution assessments already covered more than half of them. Preliminary findings show high needs for psychosocial support, family tracing and unification, and identified a considerable number of survivors of violence/torture, single women, and unaccompanied children and chronically ill. Individual profiles and experience in countries of origin indicate that most are likely in need of international protection. Refugees are very concerned about their situation and future.

REMAR offered hot meals, fruit, juice, and water in their tent and Caritas soup and fruits inside and outside the Tobacco Factory. UNHCR and partners distributed 80 water bottles, 27 packets of WFP HEP, 12 UNHCR blankets, six winter boots, and five winter five jackets. Public Doctors, MSF, Humedica and Natan treated 114 patients. Two refugees were transferred to Presevo Hospital. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 21 children and 13 women.

The Refugee Aid point (RAP) in Miratovac has been temporarily closed.

BELGRADE

UNHCR partners in Belgrade assisted approximately **120** refugees and asylum seekers. They were mainly from Morocco, Algeria or Afghanistan, with a few from Syria and Iraq. Over 40 were observed in the city centre at night.

SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Asylum Info Centre (AIC), Refugee Aid Miksalište, Red Cross assisted them with food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals, registration and asylum information. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. AIC remained open 24/7. IOM interviewed one migrant who was interested in applying for Assisted Voluntary Return. Asylum seekers allege that smugglers and even some officials try to entice them to leave Belgrade to the border with Hungary.

WEST

Uncertain about their future and dissatisfied with accommodation and services unsuitable for longer-term stay, anxiety levels among the refugees stranded in the West continued to grow.



*Food distribution in the Šid RAP, Šid (Serbia),
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521 refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, continued to overwhelm the capacities of the Refugee Aid Point (RAP) in Sid.

UNHCR/HCIT distributed 948 water bottles, 200 WFP HEB, 27 UNHCR blankets, 4 winter jackets, 21 boots, 44 hygiene packages, 180 antibacterial gels and 200 food packages. WAHA treated 67 refugees.

329 refugees were sheltered in the Adasevci RAP. MSF treated 29 refugees and BCM/Sid Health Centre 35. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 60 children and 29 women. The Red Cross distributed soap and shampoo to the families sheltered in the motel room.

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