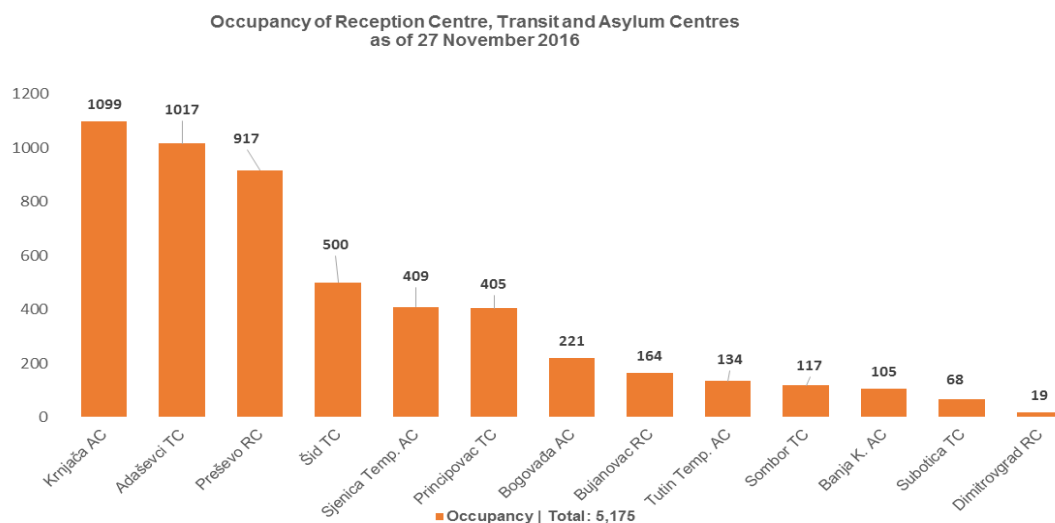


## HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- Tragically, the 17 year old boy from Afghanistan who suffered very serious electric burns at Subotica train station (see Update 21-23 November) passed away on 26 November at the hospital in Novi Sad. His relatives living in Europe are liaising with authorities, UNHCR partner HCIT and the deceased's family in Afghanistan for burial arrangements. Another young man from Afghanistan lost his life on 25 November, near Adasevci Transit Centre, believed to have committed suicide.
- Authorities, UNHCR, and partners encountered a stable number of around 6,400 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants. Based on all available data, 52% are from Afghanistan, 17% from Iraq, 16% from Syria, and 15% from other countries, while 42% are children, 40% adult men and 19% adult women. Over 5,100 (i.e. 80%) were accommodated in thirteen governmental facilities, while the remainder were counted sleeping rough in Belgrade City centre or at the border with Hungary.
- With all Asylum (AC) and Transit Centres (TC) fully occupied (see chart), the police continued to refer newly registered asylum-seekers to the Reception Centre (RC) of Presevo and as of 25 November to a new RC in Dimitrovgrad. Supporting access to better accommodation and services as well as the decongesting of Belgrade city centre, UNHCR and partners transported some 100 newly registered asylum seekers from Belgrade to Presevo and Dimitrovgrad RCs.
- According to health authorities, the infliction of refugees/migrants with lice/scabies has improved but not yet been eradicated. Another round of treatment and disinfection is planned for all three TCs in the West and RC Presevo.
- Responding to colder weather and the body lice situation, over the last four days alone UNHCR and partners distributed over 300 UNHCR blankets, 165 bed linen sets, 300 winter boots, over 500 raincoats and 370 winter jackets, in addition to many other items of clothing for adults and children in centres throughout the country.
- 216 refugees/migrants registered intent to seek asylum, increasing the total for the month of November to 1,392, and for the year to 11,730.



## SOUTH

1,081 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in two RCs: Presevo (917) and Bujanovac (164). Some 42% of residents of Presevo RC are from Afghanistan, 23% from Iraq, 19% from Pakistan, and 8% from Syria. Residents of Bujanovac RC, which accommodates only families and unaccompanied and separated children, are from Afghanistan (35%), Iraq (35%) and Syria (30%).

Over 100 new arrivals were received in the Presevo RC, mainly asylum seekers transported with UNHCR's assistance from Belgrade. Some 60 asylum seekers were transferred by authorities to TCs in the North. In another interesting development, over 40 men from Algeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan, including a number of suspected smugglers, though well-informed on procedures in Serbia, decided to leave the RC to voluntarily and spontaneously return, presumably through FYRoM to Greece.

UNHCR and many other organizations assisted with food and non-food items, medical services, counselling, interpretation, referrals and recreational activities. Upon request of authorities, UNHCR purchased Euro diesel to heat the Rub Halls of RC Presevo. UNHCR and Indigo continued to support the Centre for Social Work in conducting Best Interest Assessments for unaccompanied and separated children.

## EAST

On 25 November, the new Reception Centre in Dimitrovgrad accommodated a first group of 19 asylum seekers, who had registered their intention to seek asylum in Belgrade and received respective referral letters by the police. UNHCR assisted in their transport from Belgrade to Dimitrovgrad.

## BELGRADE

Some 1,000 refugees/migrants slept rough in the city centre, while Krnjaca AC sheltered 1,099 asylum-seekers.

Local civil society and international organisations provided counselling, referrals and transport to accommodation in governmental centres, registration with the police, child protection and medical services. In response to Savski Venac Municipality's cancellation of premises, on 25 November, UNHCR partner Asylum Info Centre closed its services in Nemanjina Street.

## WEST

TCs in the West continued to shelter close to 2,000 refugees and migrants: 1,017 in Adasevci, 500 in Sid, and 405 in Principovac.

Civil society organizations assisted the SCRM with food, non-food and medical aid, counselling, referrals, child support, and recreational activities.

On 25 November, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, DRC organized a workshop allowing some twenty refugee women in Sid TC to exchange views on their rights as well as the prevention of and protection from violence.

## NORTH

Around 360 asylum seekers were counted in the North on 27 November: 68 in Subotica TC and 117 in Sombor TC, while around 160 camped in the open on Serbian soil close to the two Hungarian "transit zones" near Horgos I and Kelebija border-crossings. The latter comprised 33% nationals of Syria and Afghanistan each, 16 % of Iraq and 18% others. 48% were adult men, 33% children and 19% adult women.

UNHCR and partners provided humanitarian aid, including food, non-food aid, hygiene packages, support to maintenance of the sanitary conditions, medical assistance, referrals, as well as legal and other counselling.

36 asylum-seekers were admitted into Hungarian "transit zones", while UNHCR and partners encountered over 140 foreign nationals who reported to have been pushed-back/unlawfully expelled into Serbia, without having been granted access to asylum procedures in Hungary.

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