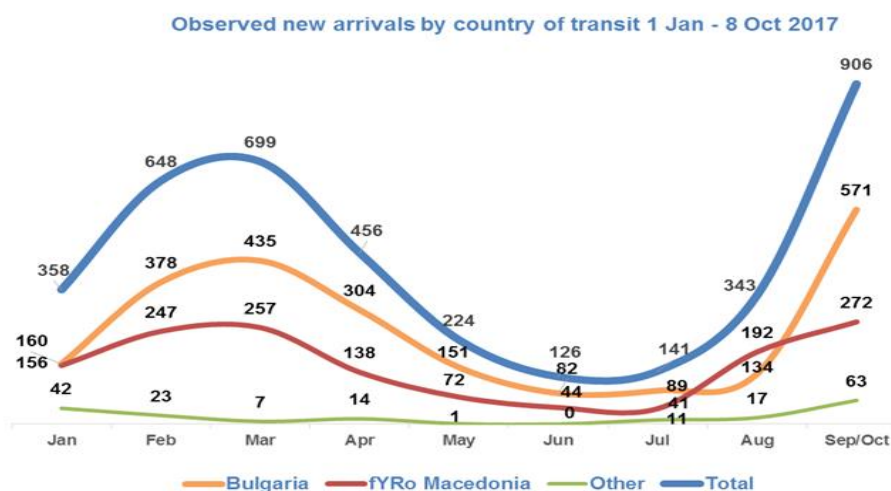


UNHCR SERBIA UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS AND STATISTICS

- UNHCR and partners observed a **continued rise of new arrivals**, when they assisted **272** new asylum-seekers (compared to 188 last week), mostly Yasidi or Kurdish families from Iraq (*below chart refers*).
- On 08 October, **4,361** new refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were counted in Serbia, of which **3,888** were housed in 18 governmental centres (please see also the [Joint Assessment of Government Centres](#)).
- 80%** of residents in governmental centres are from so-called **refugee-producing countries**: Afghanistan (63%), Iraq (13%) and Syria (4%). **41% are children**, 14% adult women and 45% adult men.
- Close to **500** refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant children attend **public primary schools** (of which some 70 are schooled inside the Transit Centres of Sombor, Subotica or Kikinda, and 39 over 14 years of age attend schools for adults). As part of its support to the process, UNHCR funded a new well to provide water to a primary school in Presevo.
- At a meeting of the Refugee Protection Working Group, authorities, UNHCR and NGOs assessed and discussed **protection needs, priorities and gaps** for the coming winter and next year. As a result, UNHCR started temporary support to medical transport in Presevo, Bujanovac, Vranje and Obrenovac and, upon request of the Ministry of Health and the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, strengthened mental health services in Obrenovac, Pirot, Divljana and Dimitrovgrad. Also discussed was the need to augment police registration and first aid/referral point capacities in Belgrade city centre to avert larger humanitarian needs and gatherings of refugees and migrants should the number of new arrivals continue growing.
- The last round of distribution of UNHCR Non Food Relief Items (NFI) to residents in all centres was completed. Authorities requested UNHCR to start comprehensive distribution of winter clothes in mid-October.
- Upon invitation by the Belgrade Tennis Association, UNHCR organized the participation refugee children in the Belgrade Children Fair. 100 children from Krnjaca AC greatly enjoyed participation in many athletic and creative activities (for more info and photos please see our [Facebook post](#))
- UNHCR and partners collected testimonies of **180** collective expulsions from Romania, 113 from Croatia and 98 from Hungary, with many alleging to have been denied due access to asylum procedures there.
- In September, **589** persons registered intentions to seek asylum in Serbia. 51% were filed by adult men, 15% by adult women and 34% were registered for children. Most asylum applicants were from Iraq (46%), Afghanistan (14%), Pakistan (13%), or Syria (10%). The Asylum Office granted one person subsidiary protection, increasing the number of positive first-instance decision during this year to three.





Refugee children from Krnjaca Asylum Centre participated in the Belgrade Children Fair Friday, 06-08 Oct October, on invitation of the Belgrade Tennis Association, (Serbia)@UNHCR, 08 October 2017

SOUTH

486 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants were accommodated in the three Reception Centres of Presevo (199), Vranje (130) and Bujanovac (157), including 20 unaccompanied or separated children (UASC).

BELGRADE

Krnjaca Asylum Centre (AC) accommodated 570 asylum-seekers, including 61 UASC, while 650 male refugees/migrants (including 57 unaccompanied or separated boys) were sheltered in Obrenovac TC.

EAST

386 refugees and migrants were accommodated in four Reception Centres: 194 in Pirot, 112 in Divljana, 46 in Dimitrovgrad and 34 in Bosilegrad.

WEST

Transit Centres (TCs) in the West sheltered 928 refugees and migrants: 661 in Adasevci and 267 in Principovac.

NORTH

52 asylum seekers were admitted into so-called "transit zones" of Hungary. On 08 October, 18 asylum seekers camped at Horgos and Kelebija border sites awaiting admission into Hungary. Subotica TC sheltered 92 asylum-seekers, Sombor TC 124, and Kikinda TC 152.



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