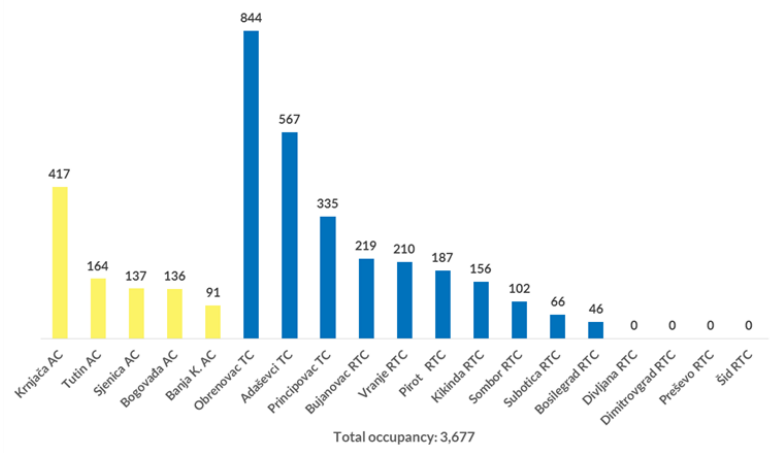


SERBIA UPDATE

- On 14 November, a young man from Syria died in the hospital in Belgrade despite receiving all possible treatment, as reportedly he had not been able to properly treat an injury sustained on the way to Serbia, resulting in major complications. This is yet another example illustrating the dangers of the current situation of mixed movements of people.
- 4,030 refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants** were present in Serbia on 25 November – an increase from 3,711 two weeks ago. Of them, **3,677** (i.e. 91%) were accommodated in 15 governmental Reception/Transit (RTC) or Asylum Centres (AC), as seen in the chart below. Additionally, around 350 mainly male refugees/migrants were observed outside centres: 100 in Belgrade City, some 200 camping close to borders with Croatia or Hungary and up to 50 in Loznica, close to the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina.



- UNHCR and partners observed/and or assisted **434 newly-arriving** refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants (compared to 1,076 the preceding fortnight). 47% were from Afghanistan (up from 34%), 14% from Pakistan (down from 47%), and 6% of Iran (up from 5%). Men constituted 73%, women only 2% while 24% were children, including **82 Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC)**. 61% arrived from fYRo Macedonia (down from 75%), 23% from Bulgaria (down from 20%), 5% by air (up from 4%).
- UNHCR and partners received reports of **219** collective expulsions (compared to 602 in the preceding fortnight): 130 from Croatia (down from 395), 53 from BiH (down from 106), 27 from Hungary (down from 54) and 9 from Romania (down from 47). 86% of these reports alleged denial of access to asylum procedures and 28% mistreatment by authorities of these neighbouring countries.
- Hungarian authorities admitted **12** asylum-seekers from Serbia into territory and procedures in their so-called “transit zones” at Horgos and Kelebija border crossings, compared to 17 the preceding fortnight.
- On Sunday, 25 November, the campaign [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#), started, running from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women until Human Rights Day on 10th December. UNHCR issued a [Press Release](#) in which the UN High Commissioner for Refugees called for renewed and bold action to better protect refugees and displaced people from sexual and gender-based violence, or SGBV, in the workplace.



UNHCR and legal partner staff counselling residents of the Reception/Transit Centre Bujanovac on asylum procedures in Serbia, Bujanovac ©UNHCR, 22 November 2018

- A number of activities for children were organized in government run centres across the country. Those included: in Belgrade, UNHCR partners organized a visit of 27 UASCs accommodated in Krnjaca AC to the Museum of Contemporary Art; and marking the World day of the Child, elementary school “Branko Radicevic” in Bujanovac organized a performance on children’s rights, attended by refugee parents and children from the RTC Bujanovac.
- On 23 November, 43 refugee families from Croatia and BiH selected under the fifth sub-project of the Regional Housing Programme received in Becej the contracts for building material. The handover ceremony was attended by the local authorities, SCRM, donors, OSCE and UNHCR.

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