Overview of Migrant Situation in Turkey

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), currently there are more than 4.7 million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6 million of whom seeking international protection.

Most of them are Syrians (3,576,344* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection status. In addition, international protection applicants from countries including Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to DGMM, as of end of 2019, there are 56,417 international protection applicants present in Turkey.

In addition, there are 1,116,571* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status including humanitarian residence holders.

*Data Source DGMM, 30.01.2020

Temporary Protection*

Turkey implements a temporary protection regime for 3,576,344 individuals from the Syrian Arab Republic which grants beneficiaries right to legally stay in Turkey as well as some level of access to basic services. A vast majority of them, 3,512,853 individuals, live outside of formal camps and are spread across the Turkish border provinces while nearly 63,491 live in seven formal camps the majority of which are also located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source DGMM, 30.01.2020

International Protection Applicants

Another group of foreign nationals in Turkey are the 56,417* international protection applicants as of end of 2019 consisting of different nationalities, but mainly originating from Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran.

*Data source DGMM, 30.01.2020

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Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who would stay in Turkey beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than 90 days should obtain a residence permit. There are 1,116,571 residence permit holders in Turkey within various categories. According to DGMM, the “other” residence permit category includes humanitarian residence permit holders, and while the exact number is unknown, it is believed that the vast majority of this category are Iraqis. The breakdown of the residence permit holders are shown in the map on the left. The category breakdown of residence permits are published annually whereas the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data Source DGMM, 30.01.2020

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* UNHCR ended registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.
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*Data Source DGMM, 30.01.2020

Readmitted Migrants and Refugees to Turkey Under EU-Turkey Agreement

Since 4 April 2016 there are 2,041* migrants and refugees readmitted to Turkey from Greece. Main points of return from Greece include Lesbos, Chios, Kos and Samos, while the main readmission points to Turkey include Dikili, Çeşme, Bodrum and Adana (point of entry is through airport).

*Data Source DGMM, 30.01.2020

Apprehended Persons on Land*

According to the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in January 2020, TAF registered a total number of 15,507 irregular border crossings; 13,707 of which having entered Turkey from the Syrian Arab Republic, Greece and the Islamic Republic of Iran and registered 1,800 irregular crossings from Turkey into Greece, Bulgaria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic. The numbers per border are shown in the table on the left.

*Data Source TAF, 31.01.2020

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Resettlements by Country

Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the Turkish Coast Guard apprehended 4,076* irregular migrants and 28 fatalities were recorded in January 2020. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Afghan, Palestinian, Syrian, Iranian, Congolese, Togolese, Central African, Somalian, Nepali, and Yemeni.

*Data Source T.C.G., 31.01.2020

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