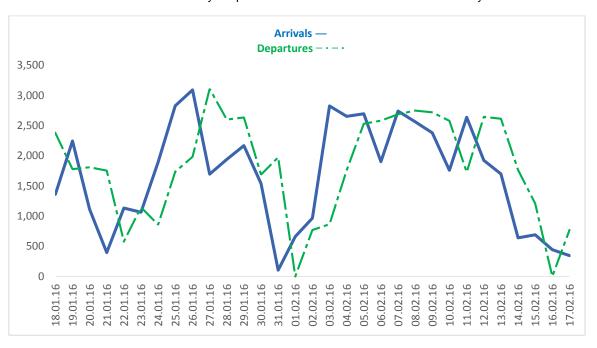


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STATISTICS

- 345 refugees and migrants arrived: 329 from fYRo Macedonia and 16 from Bulgaria.
- 767 asylum seekers departed to Croatia.
- Arrivals remained low mainly because of adverse weather conditions on the Aegean Sea during the last five days.
- 285 refugees/migrants were accommodated at the Sid RAP during the night, including those pushed-back from Croatia/Slovenia yesterday and those denied boarding of trains by Croatian authorities. UNHCR, IOM and SCRM counselled them on on asylum procedures in Serbia and/or assisted voluntary return.



SOUTH

329 refugees and migrants were assisted at the Miratovac Refugee Aid Point (RAP) upon arrival from fYR Macedonia.

Police, Gendarmerie, IOM, Philanthropy, Remar, Medical Center, UNHCR, MSF, DRC, World Vision, were assisting them at the RAP. UNHCR/DRC/SPDE distributed 6 winter boots and water bottles, while UNICEF and Philanthropy/CRS distributed other non-food items (NFIs). The health clinic inside the RAP was open and UNICEF/DRC child friendly hosted 23 children and 8 women.

UNHCR-funded buses transported approximately 320 asylum seekers from Miratovac village to the Registration Centre (RC) in Presevo where they were registered. 18 persons with specific needs (PSNs) were prioritized for registration.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, Medical Centre, ADRA, Red Cross, IOM, UNICEF/DRC, Caritas, DRC, BCM/CRS and Remar assisted asylum-seekers 24/7 at the RC. Natan, Humedica, Care international/Nexus, SOS Children, OXFAM 484, Global Medic were present during the day. Save the Children, APC, Youth for Refugees, Atina, Border Free, Mercy Corps and MSF were active outside the RC.

UNHCR and partners distributed UNHCR blankets, winter boots and water bottles. Public Doctors, MSF, Humedica and Natan treated 4 asylum seekers. The UNICEF/DRC/CSW child friendly space hosted 5 children and 4 women.

Approximately 100 asylum seekers stayed overnight inside the RC, including 10 in UNHCR Refugee Housing Units. 30 stayed outside the RC in MSF and Border Free tents. Those not from Syria, Afghanistan or Iraq were counseled on seeking asylum in Serbia or assisted voluntary return. Several requested to be returned to Greece.

EAST

16 asylum seekers arrived to Dimitrovgrad from Bulgaria, comprised by families from Iraq, five men from Afghanistan and one from Syria.



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In Dimitrovgrad, UNHCR, Sigma Plus, Red Cross, DRC and Divac Foundation distributed food, water, clothes, boots and blankets inside the RAP. Praxis, I'm Human Organization, Save the Children, Info Park and ADRA were also present outside. WAHA provided medical assistance to 10 asylum seekers for minor injuries and respiratory problems. 11 asylum seekers spent the night in the RAP and waited for the transportation in the morning.

BELGRADE

Over 220 refugees/migrants were assisted in Belgrade by UNHCR partners. They were mostly from Morocco, Algeria or Pakistan.

Many sought aid in food, clothes, use of internet and referrals to various services, including hospitals and registration. SCRM, UNHCR/DRC, Red Cross and Refugee Aid Miksalište assisted them. Asylum Info Centre remained open 24/7. Caritas distributed food and clothes at the park near the railway. Also MSF offered primary health care and distributed NFIs. Over 45 refugees/migrants were present at night in the city.

WEST

767 refugees departed to Croatia on one train, 145 were denied boarding by Croatian authorities.



UNHCR team counselling individuals returned from Croatia on the right to seek asylum in Serbia, Šid (Serbia),

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At Sid train station, UNHCR/HCIT distributed 168 UNHCR blankets, 1,000 WFP HEB, 1,127 water bottles, 104 winter jackets, 38 boots, and 10 UNHCR bags. IDC/Sid Health Centre treated 17 asylum seekers and WAHA other 79.

150 women and children spent the night in the MSF rub hall three at Adasevci RAP.

UNHCR, SCRM, Police, APC, Red Cross Serbia, MSF, CRS/Divac Foundation, BCM, Remar, OM and Czech Volunteers assisted asylum-seekers 24/7 at Adesevci RAP; World Vision, Intersos, Caritas, TDH, EHO, DRC and NSHC during the day.

MSF provided medical assistance to 42 refugees and BCM/Sid Health Centre treated 37. The UNICEF/WV/CSW child friendly space hosted 62 children and 25 mothers. The Red Cross and Caritas distributed food on buses. Remar offered of hot tea and soup. CRS/Divac Foundation distributed adult and children's winter clothes and footwear.

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