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The situation at border crossings Gevgelija and Kumanovo

Period: 01.02.2018– 28.02.2018

Gevgelija

The situation with the RTC Vinojug, Gevgelija, over the course of February 2018, was more dynamic in comparison to the previous months. Apart from the increased frequency of movement of groups transiting through the country, there was also an increase in the number of refugees who were accommodated in the camp and submitted an asylum request. The number of cases of interception of larger groups of refugees exceeding the number of 15 people also increased.

Available facilities and conditions

At the start of the month, seven refugees were accommodated in the camp.

The Public Utility company Zdravje – Veles, carried out complete disinfection of all the premises in the camp. Generally, the camp hygiene is at a satisfactory level.

At the start of the month, representatives of IOM and the Ombudsman's Office, i.e. the National Preventive Mechanism, paid a visit to the camp.

In the camp, and in the vicinity of Gevgelija, there is presence of police officers from foreign countries, i.e. the Czech Republic, Croatia and Austria.

Legis and La Strada hold creative workshops for the women and children.

Over the course of the month there was an interruption to the internet connection in the camp, which posed a big problem for the refugees accommodated there, bearing in mind that it is their only access to information and means of communication with the world outside. No Internet connection was set up by the end of the month.

Institutional treatment

Over the course of February 2018, a total of about 110 refugees were brought to the RTC Vinojug. On 03.02.2018, a three-member family originating from Iran, i.e. a husband and wife and their six-year old son were brought to the camp. The family was accommodated in the camp, and was transported to Greece several days after, at their own request. Over the course of the same day, a refugee originating from Afghanistan was brought to the camp after previously living in Turkey for a certain period of time while his family has been accommodated in the camp in Vinojug for nearly a year. On the next day, two

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At the same time, the Ministry informed that they had pressed criminal charges against two persons from Kichevo who were caught transporting 8 migrants originating from Iran, Turkey, Iraq and Pakistan, aged 19 to 38, on 09.02.2018.