

BULLETIN ON IRREGULAR CROSSINGS (JANUARY 1-31, 2018)

SUMMARY:

-According to the data provided by Turkish Coast Guard Command, the total number of people who were apprehended during irregular crossings by sea is 1640 for January 2018

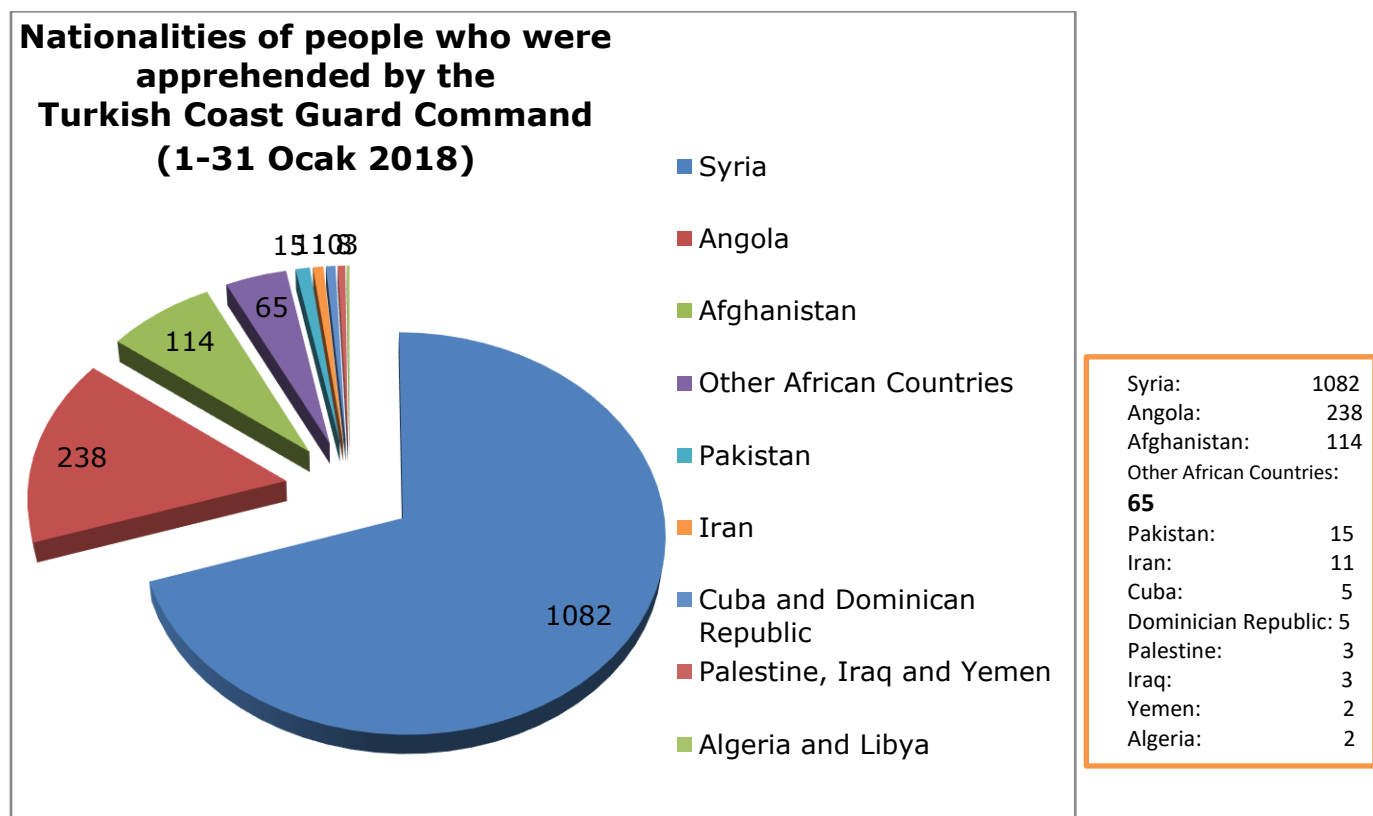
-According to UNHCR data on sea arrivals, a total of 1637 people arrived in Greece irregularly by sea in January 2018.

-International Organization of Migration (IOM) data shows that there are 29 new arrivals at Bulgaria by land in January 2018. There are no irregular crossings by land to Greece within this time frame.

-Turkish Armed Forces (TAF-TSK) Land Forces Command Border Troops apprehended 2642 people who were trying to cross irregularly from Turkey to Greece, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Bulgaria by land. The number of apprehended ones who were irregularly crossing from these countries (except Bulgaria) to Turkey is 30576.

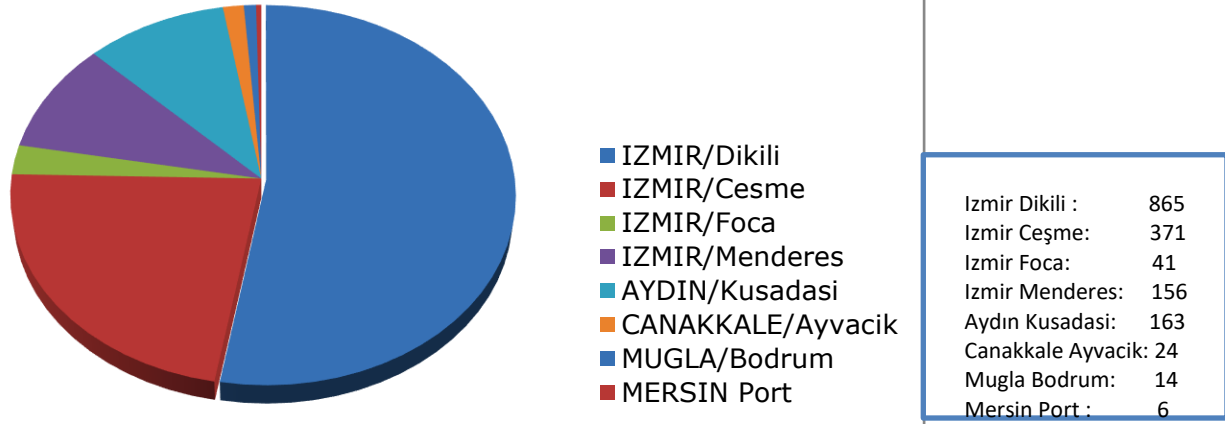
ACCORDING TO THE DATA PROVIDED BY TURKISH COAST GUARD COMMAND; 1640 people were apprehended by Turkish Coast Guard during irregular crossings by sea in January 2018.

Distributions of these people in terms of their nationalities and the Turkish coast they left from are as follows:



Graph 1: Distribution in terms of declared nationalities of those detected by Turkish Coast Guard Units during irregular crossings by sea

**Numbers of people in terms of the coast they left from
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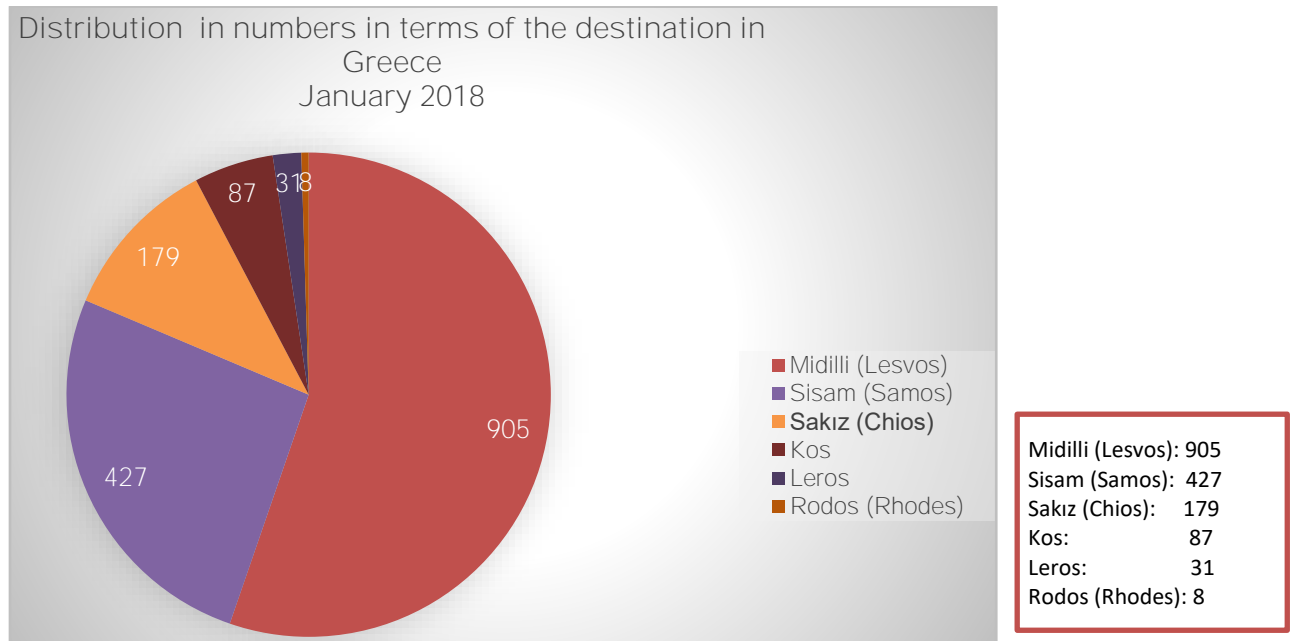
Graph 2: Distribution of those apprehended by Turkish Coast Guard in terms of the coast they left from the country

As seen in the graphs; among the ones apprehended by Turkish Coast Guard units during January 2018, Syrians are the largest group, followed by Angolians. The third largest group is Afghans. According the released data by Turkish Coast Guard Command 6 organizers (smugglers) were apprehended in January 2018.

ACCORDING TO THE DATA PUBLISHED BY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR);

In January 2018, 1637 people arrived at Greece irregularly by sea after leaving Turkey.

Distribution of those who crossed irregularly in terms of their arrivals in Greece as follows:



Graph 3: According to the data taken from UNHCR

<http://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean/location/5179> link the distribution of arrivals in Greece in terms of the destination

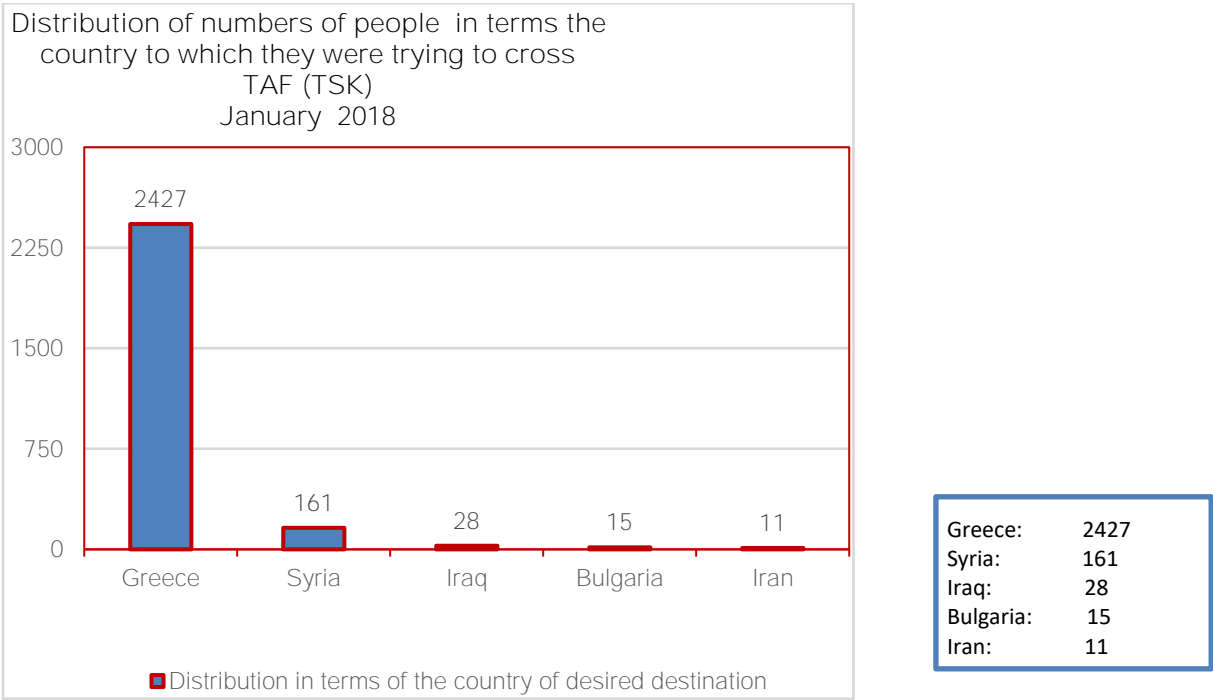
As seen from the data, most of the people who irregularly crossed arrived in Lesvos, followed by Samos and Chios.

Note: According to the last updated data published by International Organisation for Migration (IOM) on January 30, 2018 there was no crossing to Greece by land. The same data shows that **there were 29 people who crossed to Bulgaria irregularly by land in January 2018.**

THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE APPREHENDED WHILE IRREGULARLY CROSSING ACCORDING TO TURKISH ARMED FORCES (TAF-TSK) DATA:

The data published by TAF on daily basis in January 2018 shows that the total number of those apprehended while they were trying to cross to Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Iraq and Iran **from Turkish land borders is 2642.**

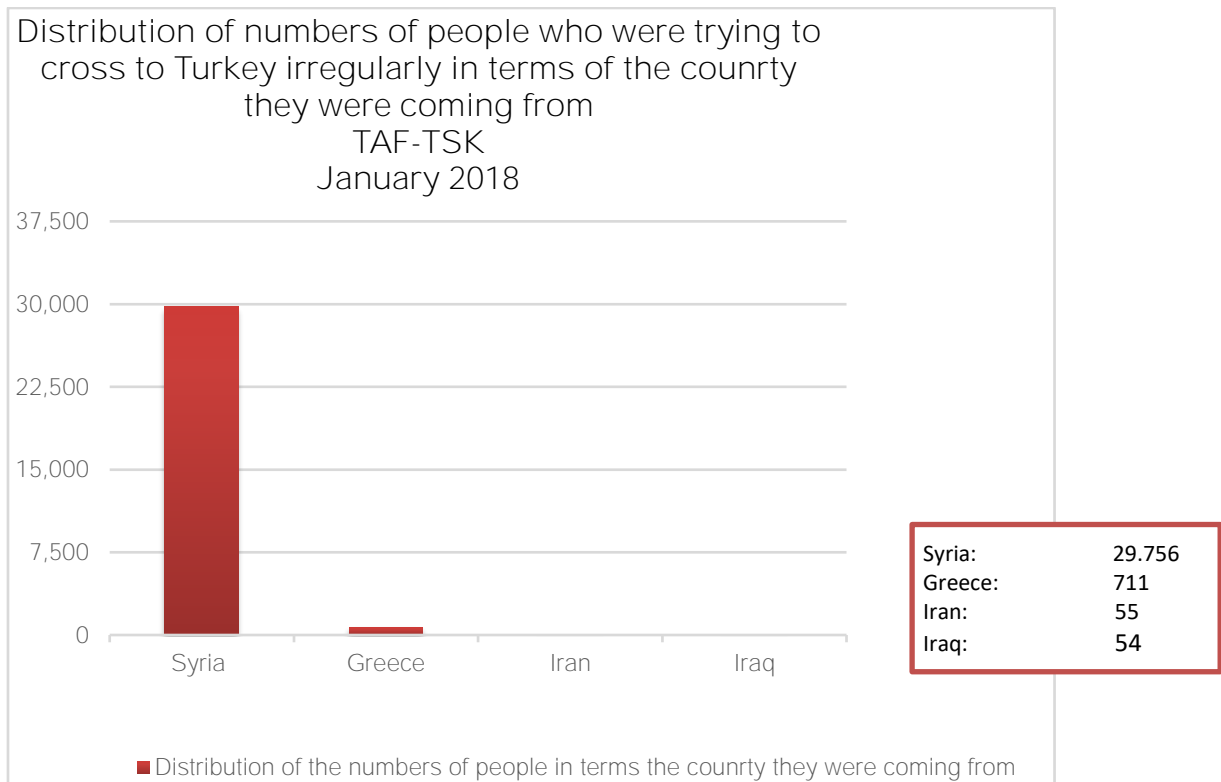
Distribution of the numbers of people who left from Turkey and were apprehended during irregular crossings in terms of the countries they were trying to cross to is as follows:



Graph 4: Distribution of the numbers of people who wanted to leave from Turkey through land borders in terms of the country to which they would like to arrive in, according to the data published by TAF

As it is understood from the graphic, most of the people wanted to cross to Greece from Turkey and secondly they wanted to cross to Syria.

In the borders mentioned above, **the total number of people who were apprehended by Turkish Land Forces Border Troops while crossing to Turkey from Greece, Syria, Iraq and Iran is 30576.** Distribution of numbers of these people in terms of the country they were coming from is as follows:



Graph 5: According to TAF's data, Distribution of numbers of people who were trying to cross to Turkey irregularly from Syria, Greece, Iraq and Iran in terms of the counrty departed

As it is indicated in the graph, most of the people who wanted to reach to Turkey by land and who were apprehended by Turkish Land Forces Border Troops were coming from Syria and the second biggest group among them was coming from Greece.