



# Hungary: Key Asylum Figures for the First Quarter of 2018

## Hungarian Helsinki Committee

### How many?

Measures taken by Hungarian law enforcement authorities against irregular migrants

	Q1 2018	Q1 2017
Blocked entries at the border fence <sup>1</sup>	<b>787</b>	4 509
Escorts to the external side of the border fence <sup>1</sup>	<b>913</b>	2 823
Irregular migrants apprehended	<b>97</b>	341
Total	<b>1 797</b>	7 673

As a result of the “8-kilometre rule” legalising push-backs, the daily limit of people admitted to enter the transit zone (1-1 person during working days since January 2018), and the changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017<sup>1</sup> the number of registered asylum applications remains low.

	Q1 2018	Q1 2017
Asylum applications	<b>283</b>	1 290

In the first quarter of 2018, **233** asylum-seekers were **granted protection** (of which 23 were refugee and 210 were “subsidiary protection” statuses) while **266** applications were rejected.

Country of Origin	All in-merit decisions	Granted Protection	Refused Protection	Rate of Recognition
<b>Afghanistan</b>	177	83 (1 refugee, 82 subsidiary protection)	94	<b>39 %</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	197	74 (74 subsidiary protection)	123	<b>37 %</b>
<b>Somalia</b>	2	2 (2 subsidiary protection)	0	<b>100 %</b>
<b>Syria</b>	35	35 (35 subsidiary protection)	0	<b>100 %</b>

### From where?

In the first three months of 2018, the majority of asylum-seekers (**85 %**) **came from war- and terror-torn countries**, including 8 % from Syria, 41,5 % from Afghanistan, and 35,5 % from Iraq. Of all the applicants, **57,5 %** were **children** and **41,7 % women**.

### Dublin transfers

Not a single asylum-seeker was **returned to Hungary** under the Dublin Regulation in the first quarter of 2018. Hungary transferred **23** asylum-seekers to other states: primarily to Germany (9) Austria (5) and Italy (4).

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<sup>1</sup> For further information on the „8-kilometre rule”, please see the [HHC’s note](#). According to the [changes that entered into force on 28 March 2017](#), the so-called „8-kilometre rule” is applicable to the entire territory of Hungary when a „state of crisis due to mass migration” is in effect. The government proclaimed a nationwide „state of crisis due to mass migration” and it was in effect throughout the first quarter of 2018.