



## Escalation of refugees streaming through South East Europe - a coincidence?



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This was reason enough for Kla.tv to take a look at this so called “Balkan route” and which countries are involved here as well as what could be the reason for this sudden wave of refugees.

**First station - Turkey:** Almost all refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq come cross country through Turkey into the European Union. Turkey has taken in, by far the most Syrian refugees: nearly 2 million people. These dislodged live in 20 camps with from 8000 to 27,000 refugees each. According to Swiss Radio, SRF 1 on August 21st, 2015, although the refugees have been taken in and accepted by the people of Turkey, the situation in these camps is dramatic. The United Nations food for the world program had to be stopped in 9 of these 20 camps and Turkey has reached the end of it's capacity.

**Second station - Greece:** Alone in July nearly 50,000 refugees managed to come by boat from Turkey to Greece according to SRF broadcasting from the 24th of August. The county administrator of Lesbos said, I quote: “ 298,000 people live on the islands in the north Aegean Sea. Since the beginning of this year we have taken in 119,000 refugees. This is far beyond our possibilities.” The conditions on the Greek islands, especially on Kos are absolutely untenable. European Director of UNHCR stated: “Total chaos rules on the islands.” There is no functioning infrastructure to take in these people. There are not enough sanitary installations, most of the refugees have to sleep defenselessly in the open on the ground. Also riots have broken out and the police had to resort to using clubs against the rioting migrants.

Third station - Macedonia: Help organizations estimate that about 2000 people a day cross the border illegally between Greece and Macedonia. Thousands camp in the “no mans land” between the countries while Macedonia has partially sealed the border off. Macedonian police have used tear gas against the enraged refugees as SRF reported on August 21st. According to SRF special correspondent Stephan Rathgeb, no one in Macedonia is sympathetic for why such a small country should open the floodgates allowing thousands to pass through the country daily. Austria’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sebastian Kurz, was on location in Macedonia on August 24th and said, I quote: “The western Balkan countries are being overrun and left to deal with it on their own.”

Station four - Serbia: According to UN Refugee Aid Organization (UNHCR) estimates, only on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of August, more than 7000 people reached Serbia. About 4000 of them were stuck on a field in southern Serbia. SRF reported on August 23rd: the Serbian government is totally overwhelmed and the supply situation is highly precarious. Since the beginning of the year more than 35,000 refugees have applied for asylum in Serbia.

Station five - Hungary: Many of these refugees want to get into Hungary from Serbia and from there further into western Europe. According to Hungarian official information, 81,000 illegal refugees came into Hungary just this year. 80,000 of these came from Serbia. Most of them want to travel on to Austria or Germany. In order to prevent this storm of refugees from coming in through Serbia, Hungary began in July, to build a barbed-wire border fence. When finished it is supposed to be four meters high 175 kilometers long.

These are the stations along the “Balkan route” to central Europe - especially to Germany and Austria. According to the current estimates nearly 800,000 refugees are expected in Germany by the end of the year. Whether this rapid escalation in the number of refugees streaming through central Europe is a coincidence or whether it was strategically planned, can for the time being only be surmised.

For German analyst and independent journalist, Christoph Hörstel, it is clear - I quote: “As NATO member countries, naturally we have the possibility, by means of our secret service, to stop such refugee waves and i.e. the refugee smugglers. But no, my analysis is that we are supporting this and there is a lot of data to this.” End of quote.

In our recent broadcasts we reported thoroughly concerning data about who could be behind these refugee smuggling-gangs.

What we definitely need to focus on when researching the topic of the Balkan region and this massive escalation of incoming refugees there, is the fact that these same countries are all participants in the so-called “Turkish Stream” project. This is an international project to build a gas pipeline along the floor of the Black Sea and into Turkey. The investor behind “Turkish Stream” is the Russian natural gas company, Gazprom, which is completely financing the project. Gazprom is the biggest employer in Russia. The state holds a majority of shares in the company. “Turkish Stream” is supposed to deliver Russian gas to Europe, now that the similar “South Stream” project - to supply Europe across Bulgaria - failed to go through. Due to pressure from the USA, Bulgaria stood up against it. “Turkish Stream” is supposed to be continued from Turkey to Greece. From here, through a central distributor the gas should be transmitted on to Macedonia, Serbia and Hungary. The Foreign Affairs ministers of Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Hungary met together in Budapest on April 7th, to discuss the “Turkish Stream” project. That just these Balkan countries support the “Turkish Stream” project and are cooperating with Russia, is obviously a thorn in the side of the American government. Amos Hochstein, representative of the US Foreign Affairs Office and energy minister even said openly in his meeting in May, 2015, with Panagiotis Lafazanis, Greek minister for structural reforms - I quote: “The Americans are not going to put up with the

Turkish Steam project.”

Washington makes no secret of its intentions to take the European market business away from Gas prom - especially through political pressure on the business partners. Kla.tv reported recently on this topic. Whether or not the escalating flood of refugees in and through Turkey, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Hungary also has to do with their participation in the “Turkish Stream” project cannot be said absolutely. Whether the pipeline project should be hindered by this is not clear. However what can be said is: first of all, that exactly those countries which support the “Turkish Stream” project are being weakened and destabilized through the flood of refugees. And secondly, that US instrumentalizing-handwriting can be found behind the flood of refugees. We leave it up to you valued viewers to judge for yourselves whether or not this could be a coincidence.

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