

All of the rumours are collected among refugees passing through Europe. By identifying misinformation and hearsay and responding to it with relevant, factual information, **NewsThatMoves** aims to keep the refugee population at the forefront of our communication response.

Rumour #1

“I have heard that Germany and Sweden are deporting Afghans’ asylum seekers back to Afghanistan.”

Answer

Germany announced that there is a plan to renew an existing bilateral agreement with Afghan authorities in Kabul to return Afghan asylum seekers whose refugee applications have been rejected. There is no mention of a time frame for any deportations, and it is not expected to include women and children.

For more information:

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/germany-set-deport-half-afghan-8808636>

Rumour #2

“I heard that we can’t send our children to school if the father does not work.”

Answer

Greek authorities are working on a plan to allow all children on the mainland to go to school whether they live in an official camp or in informal sites. Children are entitled to be enrolled in Greek public schools without being fully documented and regardless of whether their parents have the right to work. Transport also will be provided for children in official sites who have to travel to school. The government plans to start classes by the end of September but no schedule has been announced.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/classes-for-refugee-children-at-the-end-of-september/>

Rumour #3

“Some of the names of the relocation candidates are being posted on Facebook and in a few days other names will be posted as well.”

Answer

Official authorities such as the Greek Asylum Service and EASO (European Asylum Support Office) are not posting the names of candidates for relocation on Facebook and other social media. Some volunteer groups have posted on their Facebook pages, the list of appointments for interviews at the Greek Asylum Service for either relocation or asylum in Greece. You can check the list of relocation decisions published on the Greek Asylum Office’s website using the “case number” you can find on your asylum seekers card.

For more information:

http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=1031

Rumour #4

“The border is going to be open soon and also Germany has announced that they will accept more refugees.”

Answer

There is nothing to suggest that any of the borders in Greece and other closed borders on the Balkan Route will reopen. Germany did not announce that the country will accept 300,000 refugees by the end of 2016. German authorities said that they are preparing to receive 250,000-300,000 refugees this year and to ensure optimal services to them.

For more information:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/28/germany-300000-refugees-2016-bamf>

Rumour #5

“Some of my friends are saying the three pages card ‘International Protection Applicant Card’ that we have is valid for a year and when six months left to expiry date, if we are arrested by the Greece police we will be deported to the country of origin or we have to accept asylum in Greece.”

Answer

The ‘International Protection Applicant Card’ is the card given to you after you fully register your claim for asylum. If your card is dated for one year then it will be recognised as valid documentation that you are legally residing in Greece up until that date. If the applicant has not received a decision on an asylum application before the card expires, s/he has to renew the card by going in person to the Asylum Service.

For more information:

<https://newsthatmoves.org/en/qa-renewing-cards/>



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