



#1

RUMOUR:

"I think they are registering people in chronological order. I know this because I know someone who arrived on March 22 and they gave him his appointment on September 1. I know someone else who came here on March 1 and his appointment is much earlier."



ANSWER

If you receive an asylum appointment through Skype, the date is determined by when you make the call, not the date you arrived in Greece. However, if you get an appointment through pre-registration, the date of your asylum appointment will depend on three things: the date you arrived in Greece; the language you speak; and whether you have asked for asylum in Greece, or for family reunification or relocation. You will not receive your asylum appointment until after the pre-registration exercise has been completed for everyone, at the end of July.

For more information:
http://asylo.gov.gr/en/?page_id=1278

#2

RUMOUR:

"If you apply for relocation, you will not be allowed to return to your country [Syria]."



ANSWER

If you apply for asylum in Greece and then are successfully relocated to another EU country, you will be granted international protection in that country. Depending on the EU country and its national asylum laws, you may be able to return to your home country if it is considered 'safe'. If you are granted asylum, you will not be eligible to apply for IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration program.

For more information:
<https://www.easo.europa.eu/about-us/what-relocation/questions-and-answers-relocation>

#3

RUMOUR:

"The US is going to take refugees from Greece, 30,000"



ANSWER

There is no confirmed official information saying that the US will take refugees from Greece. In April, President Obama made a promise to resettle 10,000 Syrians to the US in the next year. The US is not part of the EU Relocation Program, through which you can be relocated from Greece to another EU country. EASO (European Asylum Support Office) is the responsible agency for the EU Relocation Program.

For more information:
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/10/syrian-refugees-obama-us-admit-more-fiscal-2016>

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.

#4

RUMOUR:

"Pre-registration is mandatory and everyone who doesn't do it will be deported."



ANSWER

Pre-registration is not mandatory. If you do not wish to be pre-registered you can continue to try to get an appointment with the Greek Asylum Service (GAS) using the Skype system. The GAS, with EASO and UNHCR, is sending teams to camps and sites to pre-register people. Many people currently living in Greece have expired 'khardtis'. At your pre-registration appointment you will get an asylum-seeker's card, which proves you have the right to live legally in Greece until you have received the final decision on your asylum application. Deportation will not be a direct result of your refusal to take part in pre-registration.

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#5

RUMOUR:

"We are receiving dates with the food, which means that the food comes from an Islamic country."



ANSWER

Some camp managers from the Greek army, and some volunteer organisations who have been supplying food in camps and sites, have recently been trying to improve food distribution to include foods that are preferred by refugees from the Middle East and Central Asia. This has included dates and dried fruits, which are easier to store, because many people are fasting for Ramadan. The dates and other food you receive may not be from an Islamic country.

For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/HelpRefugeesUK/posts/253787901648557>



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