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- **A BOLDER EU STRATEGY FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES**

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The Syrian conflict that started in March 2011 has triggered a massive exodus of the country's citizens: close to 8 million people are internally displaced, and more than 4 million have sought refuge in third countries. Today, Syrians form the largest contingent of refugees in the world, and this emergency will continue for years to come as the conflict goes on with no resolution in sight.

The refugees' situation is immensely painful and complex. Beyond the steps already taken by the international community, this crisis deserves more political attention from the European Union and other stakeholders as well as a more cohesive policy framework. Denying the stark reality and outlook of the crisis is not an option.

The EU and other Western actors have shown a good deal of solidarity with the Syrian refugees. But so far, the international community has dealt with the refugees mostly as a temporary emergency. Instead, European and other stakeholders should acknowledge that the refugee crisis is no longer a short-term regional issue: it is a long-term international problem that deserves a coordinated answer.

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- **WHAT EUROPE'S REFUGEE INFLUX MEANS FOR EU FOREIGN POLICY**

Posted by: [Judy Dempsey](#)

- It is as if European governments were not warned about the current refugee crisis the serious consequences it could have for Europe's foreign and security policy. Over the past year, [hundreds of thousands of refugees](#)—particularly those fleeing the wars in Syria and Iraq, unrest in Afghanistan, and repression in Eritrea—have risked their lives to reach Europe.

Thomas de Maizière, Germany's interior minister, said recently that he expected up to [800,000 asylum applications](#) this year alone.

Germany already has [289,000 pending asylum seekers](#) on its books, with 40 percent coming from Kosovo, Albania, or Serbia, where there is no war or repression. At the same time, the European Commission is again trying to persuade all 28 EU member states to share the burden of refugees.

As it is, in most Eastern European countries there is an anti-Muslim sentiment and a deep reluctance to open the doors to people who are seeking security and freedom. Yet it surely should not be lost what freedom means for these countries, which until only twenty-six years ago were under the Communist yoke. [Poland](#) has now officially said it will accept Christians—as have [Slovakia](#) and the Czech Republic.

Muslims, shamefully, are not welcomed.

As if that were not bad enough, Europe's response to the refugee crisis has all the makings of weakening, not strengthening, Europe's foreign and security policy.

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• JUDY ASKS: IS SCHENGEN DEAD?

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- In light of Europe's refugee crisis and recent cross-border terrorist activity, our experts assess whether the EU's [Schengen Area](#), in which participating states have abolished border controls, should be dismantled.

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Flüchtlinge

• MERKEL VERSICHERT FLÜCHTLINGEN SOLIDARITÄT

- Viele hatten ihr vorgeworfen, zu lange geschwiegen zu haben. Nun hat die Kanzlerin den Ort besucht, an dem Flüchtlinge massiv beschimpft und bedroht wurden...

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<http://www.dw.com/de/merkel-versichert-fl%C3%BChtlingen-solidarit%C3%A4t/a-18673271>

- **Ungarn erwägt Einsatz der Armee**

- Die ungarische Polizei ist dem Flüchtlingsansturm oft nicht gewachsen. Die Regierung beriet daher jetzt über den Einsatz von Soldaten. Tausende Migranten drängen noch in das EU-Land, bevor der Grenzzaun fertig ist.

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- **Hungary claims record daily migrant intake**

- Hungarian police have said that a record number of migrants crossed the Serbian-Hungarian border on Monday. According to officials, 2,093 people made the journey.

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- **U NOVOJ FAZI PONUDITI IZBEGLICAMA OSTANAK**

- Iako izbeglice prvenstveno žele da odu u zemlje zapadne Evrope, u narednoj fazi im treba ponuditi da ostanu u Srbiji.

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http://www.b92.net/info/vesti/index.php?yyyy=2015&mm=08&dd=25&nav_category=12&nav_id=1031157

- **HCIT: IZBEGLICAMA NE PADA NA PAMET DA OSTANU U SRBIJI**

<http://www.autonomija.info/hcit-izbeglicama-ne-pada-na-pamet-da-ostanu-u-srbiji.html>

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- **Dr. CERIĆ (SBK): NEMOJMO
BITI SEBIČNI! POMOZIMO
LJUDIMA SA ISTOKA!**

- Predlažem da Bosna ponudi utočište svim prognanicima sa istoka bez obzira na vjeru i naciju dok se za njih ne nađe neko trajno rješenje!

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<http://www.bosnjaci.net/prilog.php?pid=56632>

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- **Illegális bevándorlás:
Brüsszel gyorsított eljárásban
dönt a rendkívüli magyar
kérről**

- Gyorsított eljárásban, a lehető legrövidebb idő alatt dönt az Európai Bizottság arról a magyar kérről, hogy Brüsszel nyújtson rendkívüli segítséget Magyarországnak a migrációs válság kezeléséhez – közölte kedden a testület illetékes szóvivője.

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<http://www.vajma.info/cikk/magyarorszag/15472/Illegalis-bevandorlas-Brusszel-gyorsított-eljarasban-dont-a-rendkivuli-magyar-keresrol.html>

- **Egyre több migráns érkezik a
röszkei határszakaszra**

- Egyre több migráns érkezik a Röszkéhez közeli határszakaszra, Szerbiából folyamatosan buszokkal szállítják ide az embereket az M1 aktuális csatorna kedd esti híradása szerint.

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<http://www.vajma.info/cikk/magyarorszag/15473/Egyre-tobb-migrans-erkezik-a-roszkei-hatarszakaszra.html>

- **Bulgaria has right to use its army for border safety, EC says**

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- **Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή: Η Βουλγαρία έχει το δικαίωμα να χρησιμοποιεί τον στρατό της για να διαφυλάξει τα σύνορά της**

- Η Βουλγαρία έχει δικαίωμα να χρησιμοποιεί το στρατό της για να διαφυλάξει τα σύνορά της. Αυτό δήλωσε στην Βουλγαρική Εθνική Ραδιοφωνία η υπεύθυνος τύπου της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής Νατάσσα Μπερτώ με αφορμή την στρατιωτική ενίσχυση από την πλευρά της...

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- **CE: Le gouvernement peut envoyer l'armée aux frontières**

- La porte-parole de la CE Natasha Bertaud a déclaré au micro de la RNB, que la Bulgarie a le droit d'engager des militaires de l'armée nationale pour renforcer la défense de ses frontières. Au sujet de l'envoi de forces de l'armée aux frontières avec...

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- **Albania asks Germany's help to stop asylum seekers**

In a press conference Minister of Interior Affairs, Saimir Tahiri urged Germany to stop giving incentives for asylum seekers. Tahiri, said that he has asked his German counterpart, Thomas de Maiziere, to classify Albania as a safe country, to stop the flow of asylum seekers.

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<http://english.albeu.com/news/news/albania-asks-germanys-help-to-stop-asylum-seekers/210726/>

- **Sot priten të mbërrijnë rreth 3,000 refugjatë në Gjevgjeli**

Trageti grek "Elefterios Venizellos" ka sjellë mëngjesin e sotëm në portin e Pireut edhe 2489 refugjatë nga Siria, të cilët janë vendosur në Lezbos. Ata kanë mbërritur nga Turqia, ndërsa sonte pritet të vijnë në kampin e Gjevgjelisë, njofton Plusinfo.

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<http://www.albeu.com/magedoni/sot-priten-te-mberriine-rreth-3000-refugiate-ne-gjevgjeli/210683/>

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