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Foreword

The fifth volume of our *regiones et res publicae* series focuses on Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, which are amongst the most important countries of origin of refugees in Austria and Europe today. The flight migration and emigration from these countries makes it ever more necessary to provide background information and monitor ongoing trends.

Within the realm of migration this volume features an overview of destination countries in Europe, the number of asylum applications, asylum trends, as well as information on age distribution and gender ratios of asylum seekers. The section on internet usage covers the available data on social media, the demographics of Facebook users and Google search trends. To conclude, the volume includes maps on topography, religious and ethnic groups and oil and gas fields.

This edition was published in collaboration with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and the Institute for Military Geography of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports, allowing a comprehensive examination of the three countries.

Considering the current migration and asylum trends, mapping migration, social media and topography of these three countries may help to reflect on the current dynamics.

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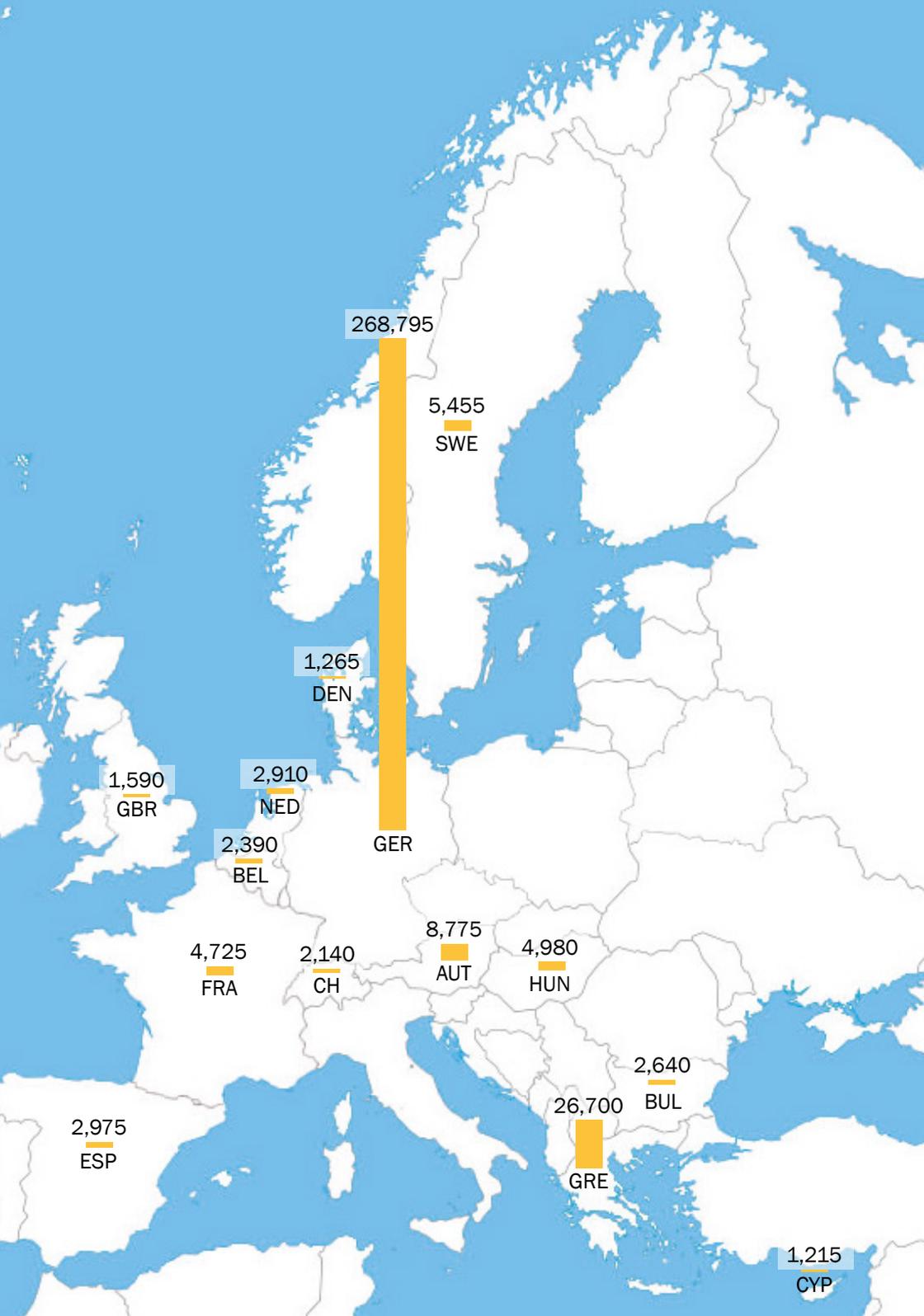
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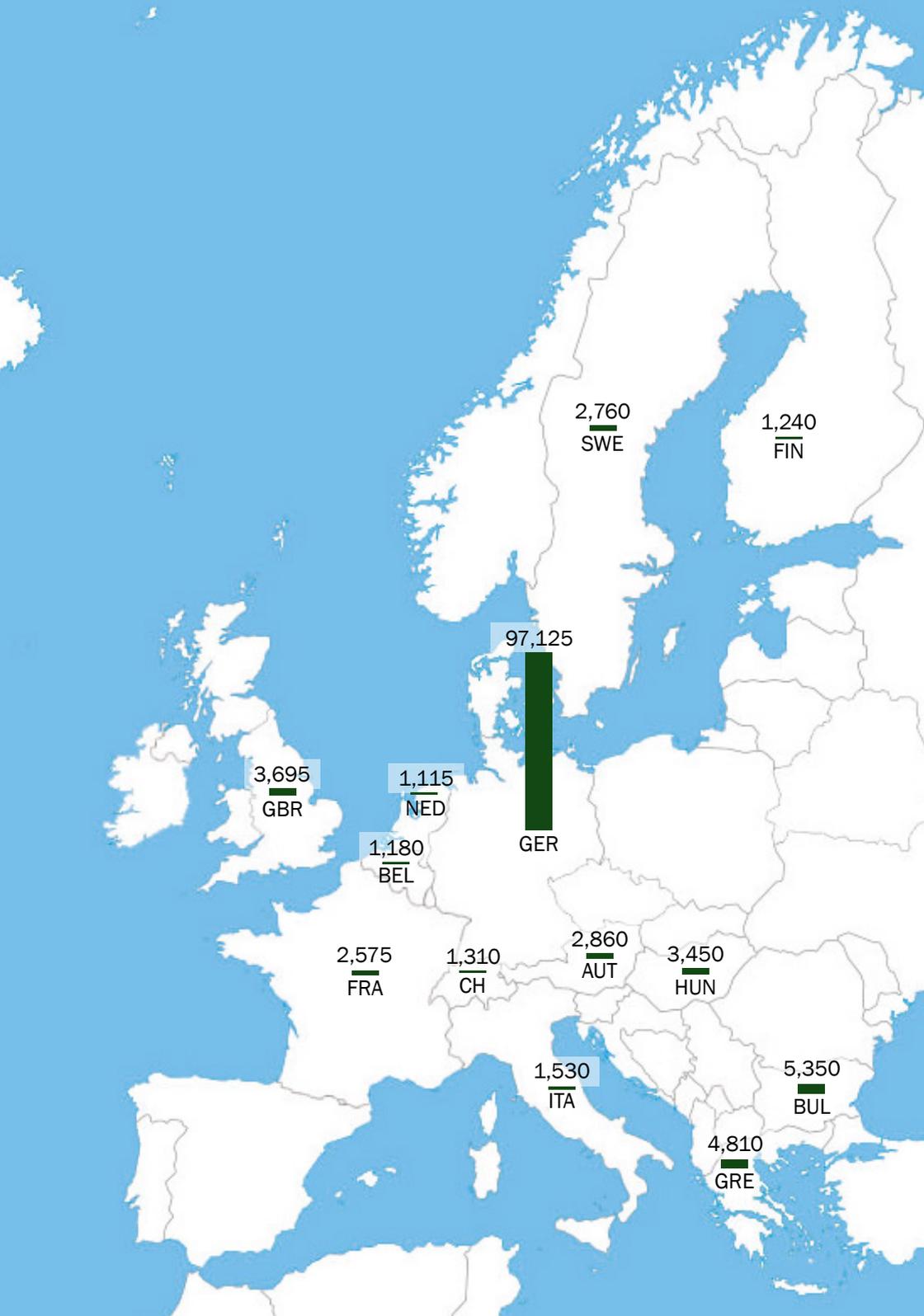
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Destination countries: Syrian asylum seekers in Europe in 2016



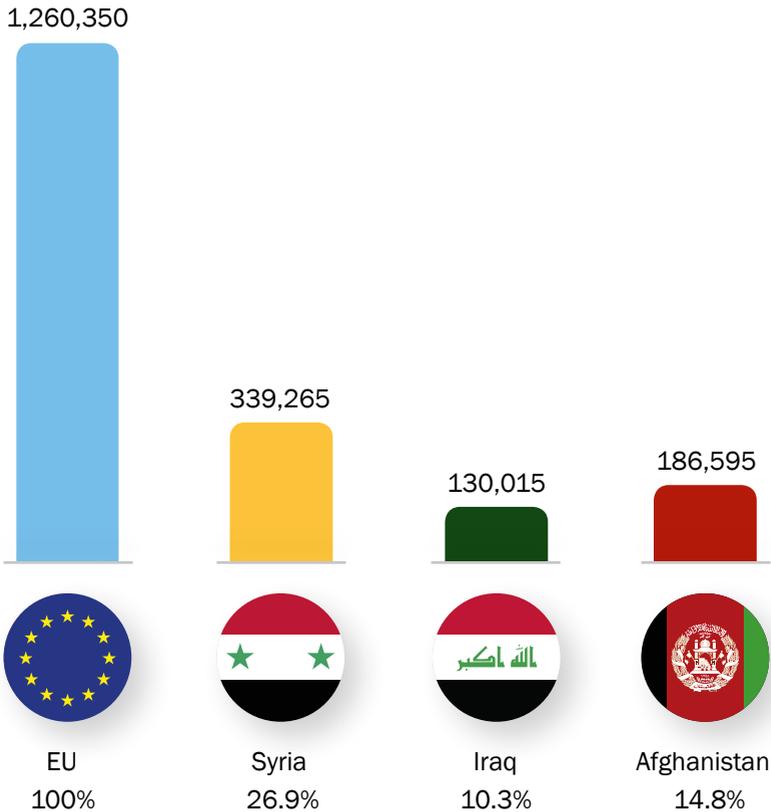
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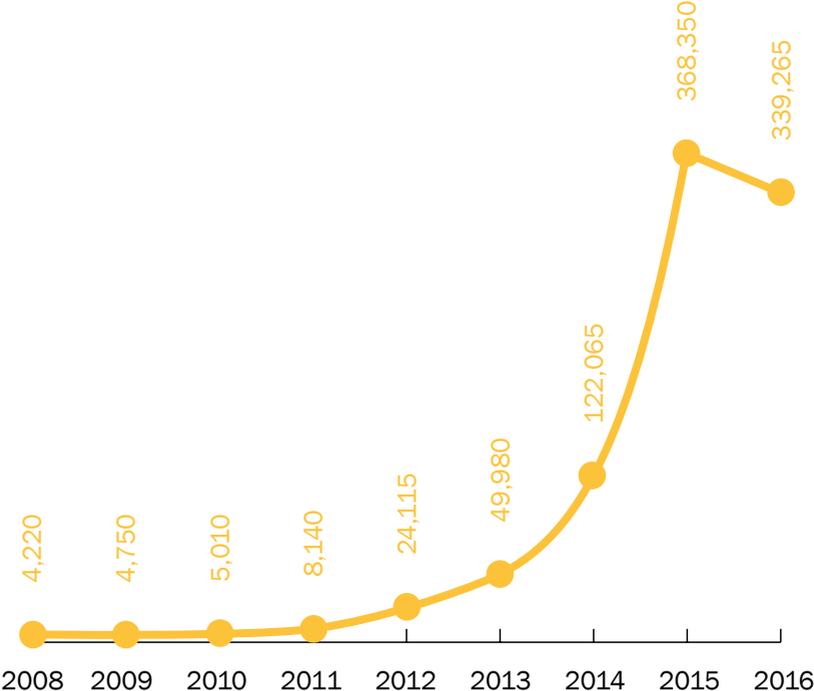
Destination countries: Afghan asylum seekers in Europe in 2016



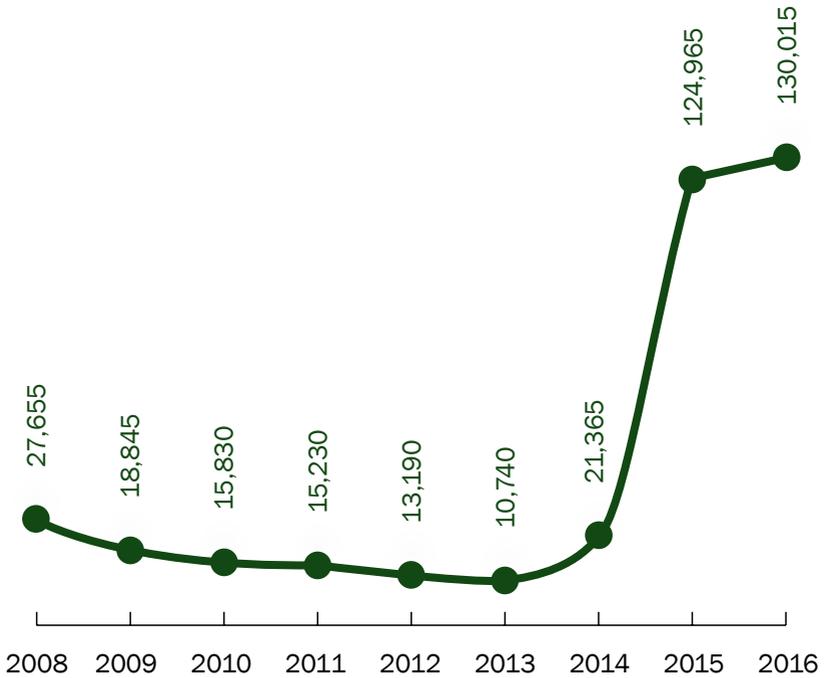
Asylum applications: Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan nationals in the EU 2016



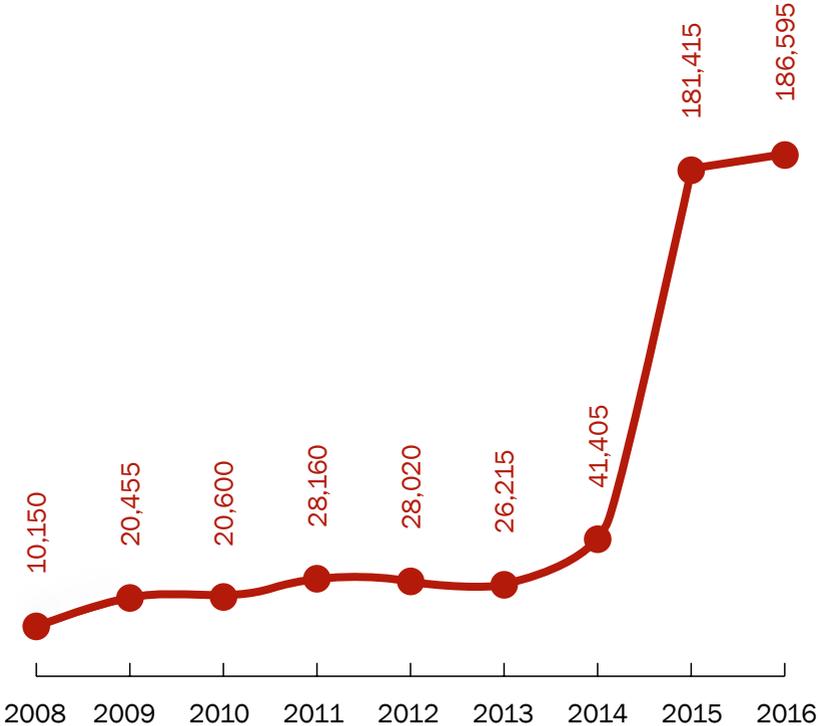
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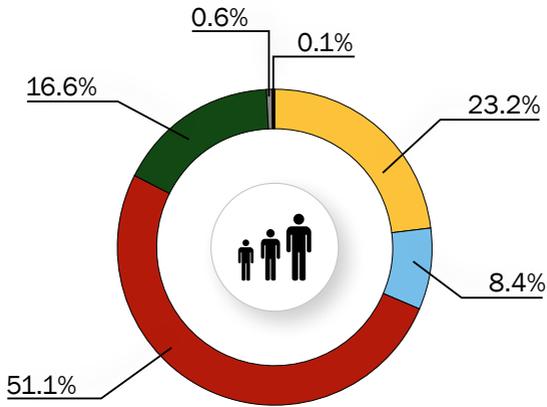
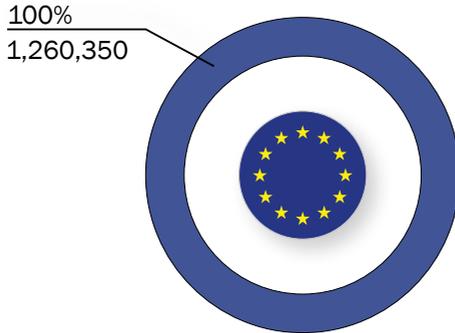
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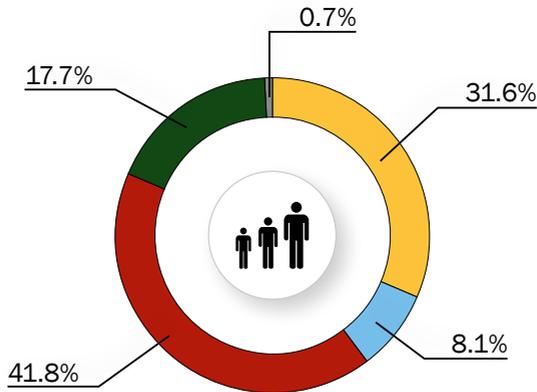
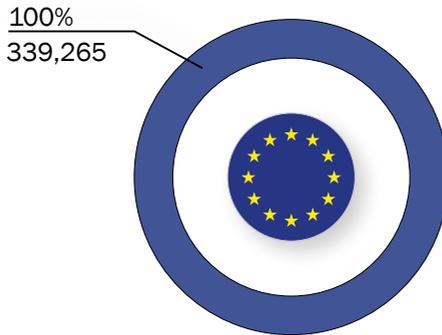


Age distribution: All asylum seekers in the EU 2016



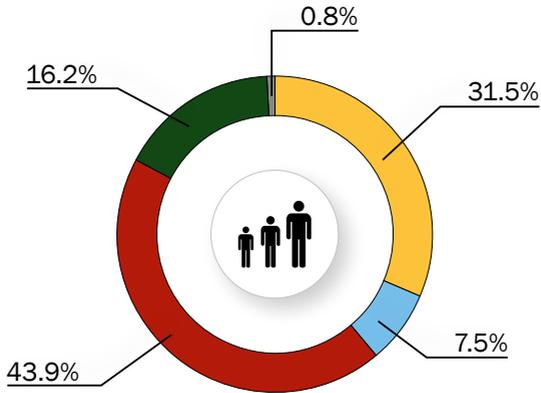
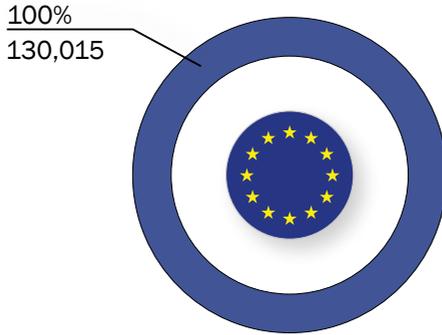
- Less than 14 years
- 14 to 17 years
- 18 to 34 years
- 35 to 64 years
- Plus 65 years

Age distribution: Syrian asylum seekers in the EU 2016



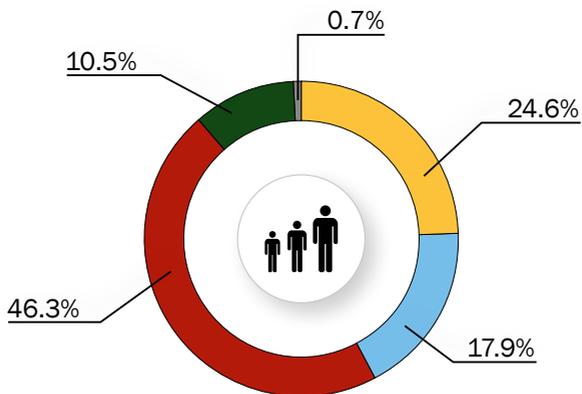
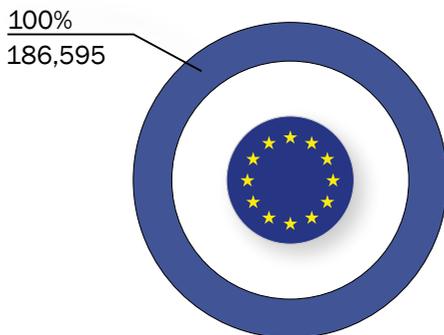
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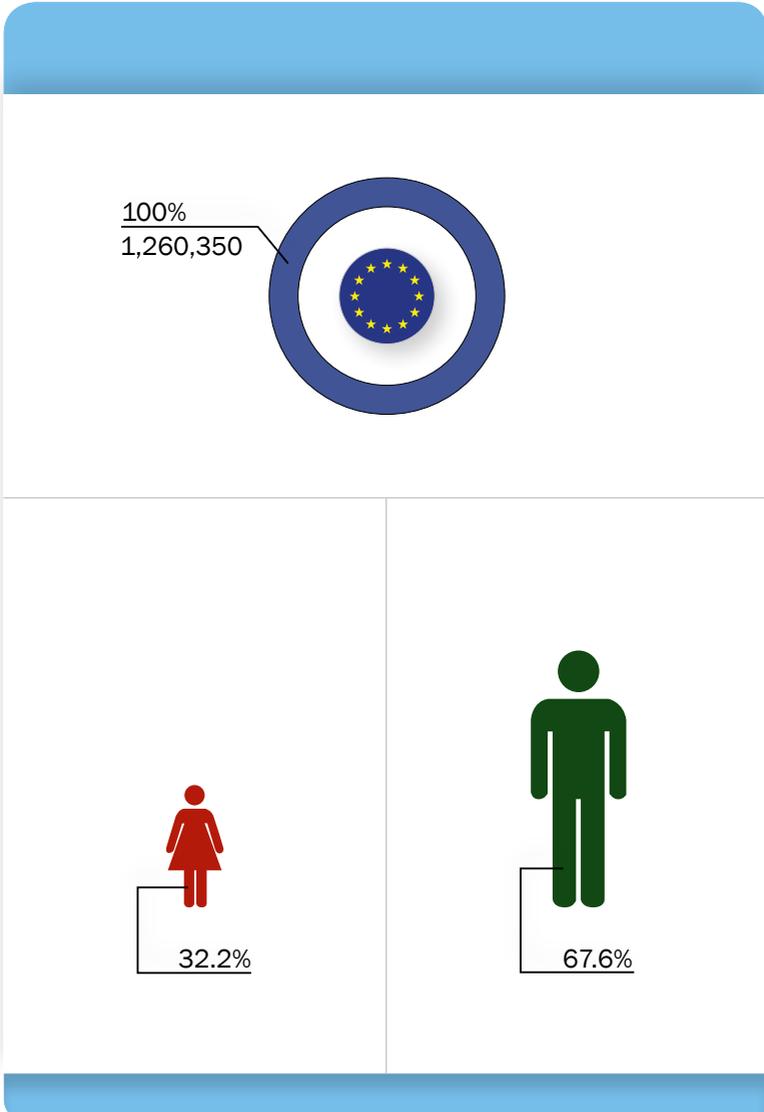


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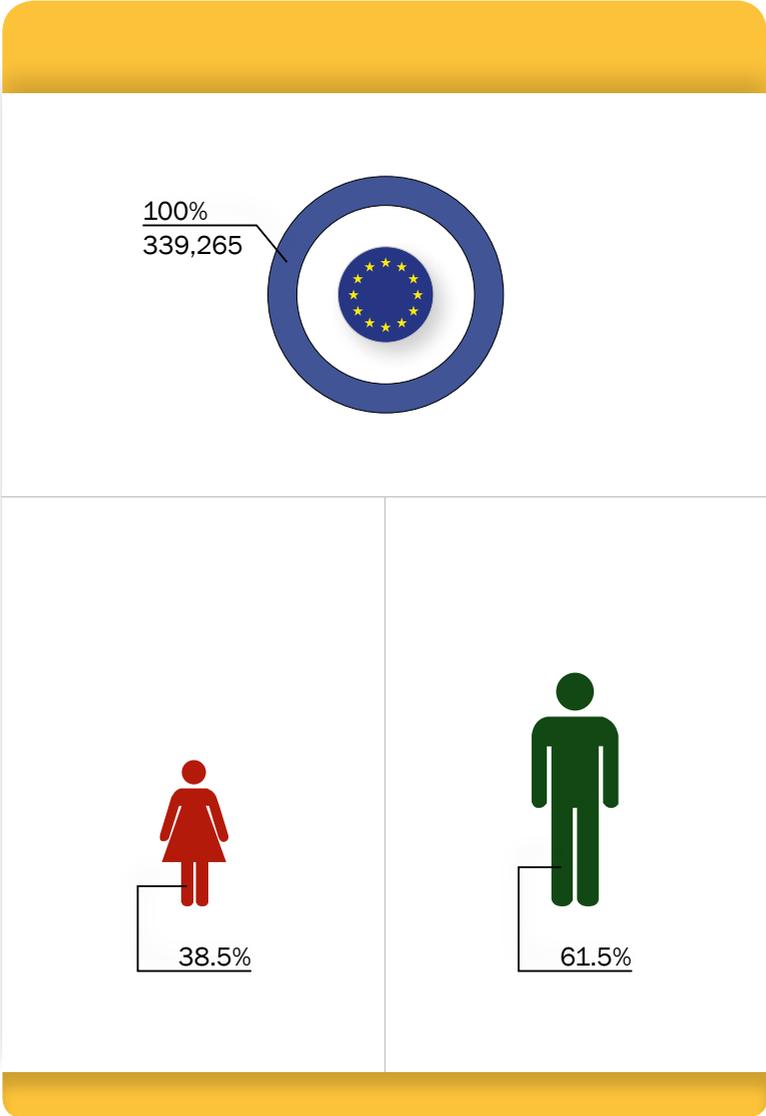
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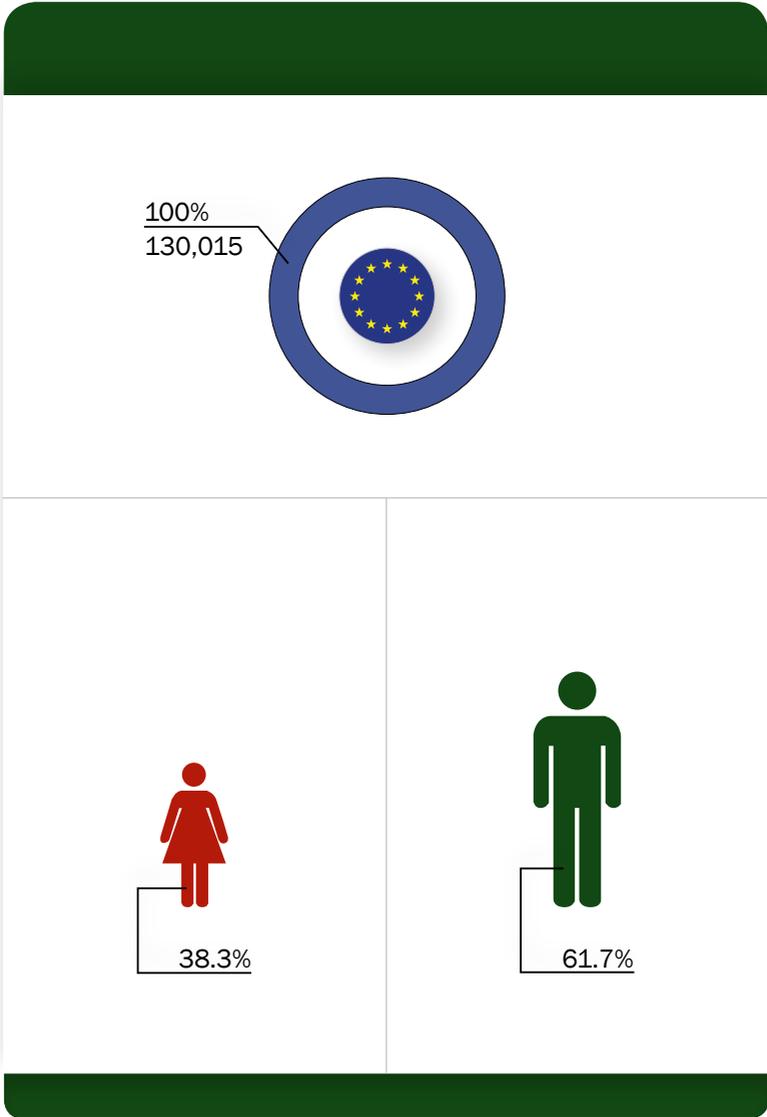
Gender ratio: All asylum seekers in the EU 2016



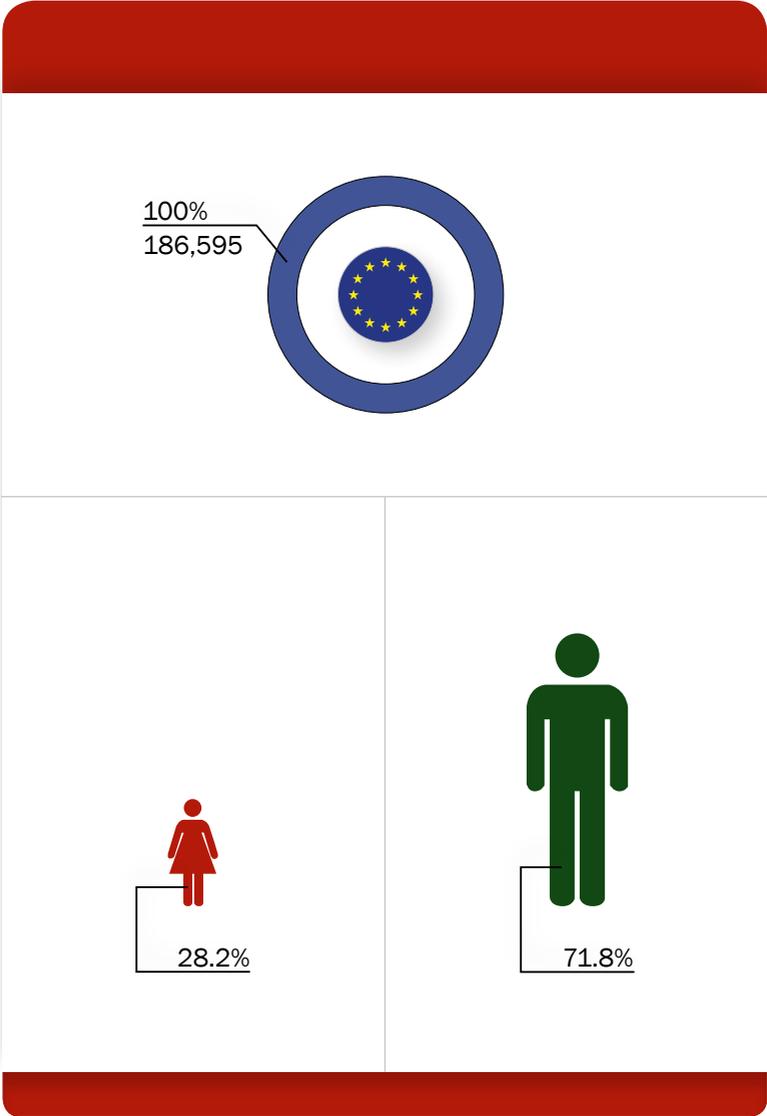
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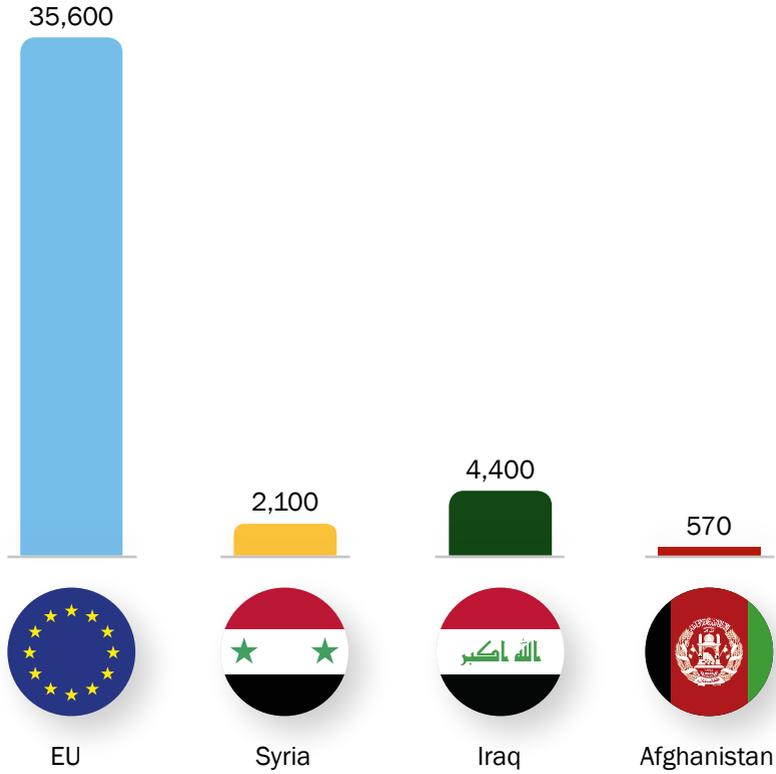
Gender ratio: Iraqi asylum seekers in the EU 2016



Gender ratio: Afghan asylum seekers in the EU 2016



GDP per capita in US\$ (rounded)

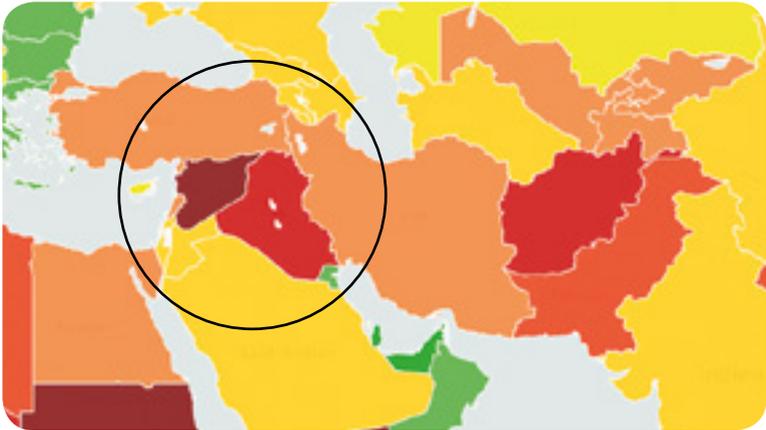


Fragile States Index 2017

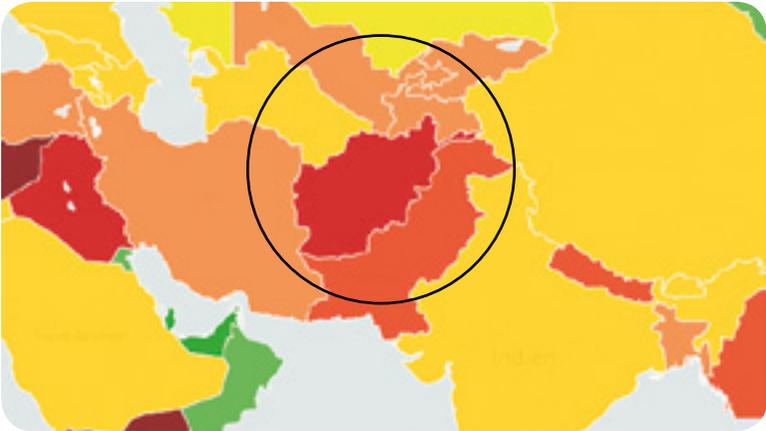
Legend:



Syria and Iraq:



Afghanistan:



Social media users as % of population in 2016: Syria



Facebook 36.5%



LinkedIn 0.8%



Instagram 0.2%



Twitter 1.6%

Social media users as % of population in 2016: Iraq



Facebook 38%



LinkedIn 1.3%

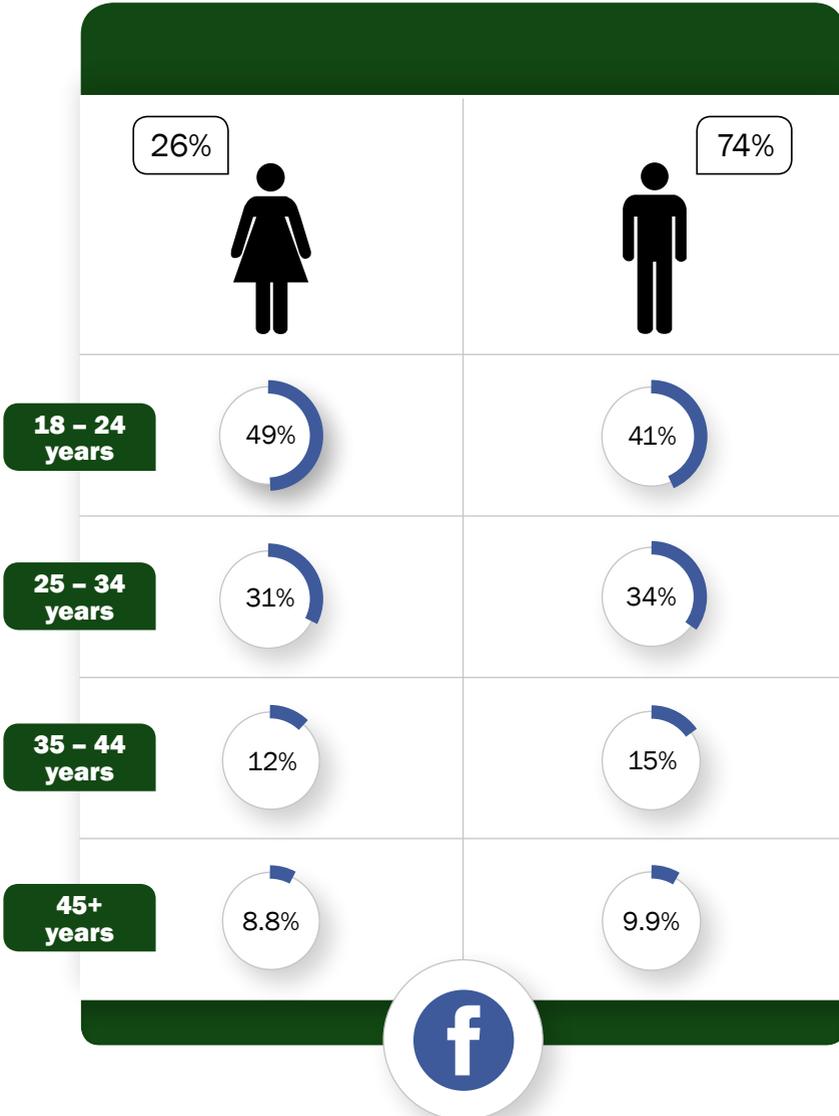


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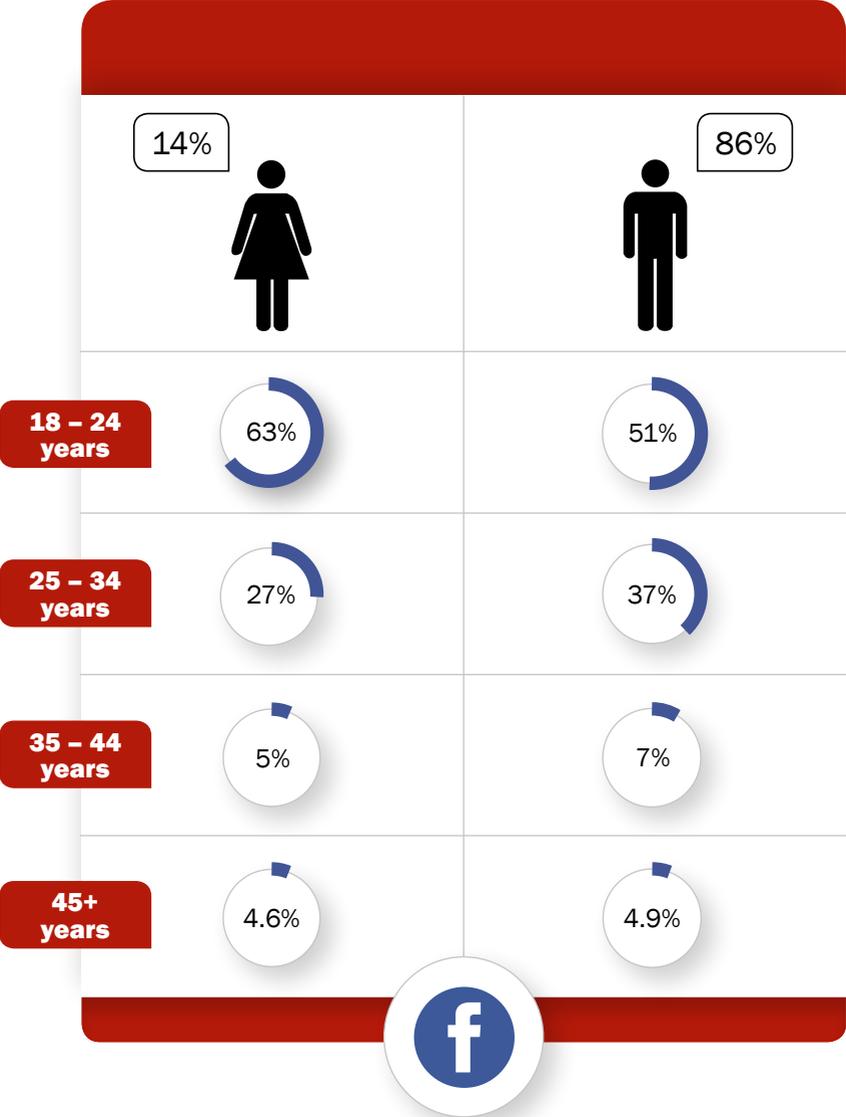


Twitter 1%

Gender and age of Facebook users in 2017: Iraq



Gender and age of Facebook users in 2017: Afghanistan



Google Trends: Syria



Asylum | لجوء (Arabic)

01.01.2014 - 10.07.2017



Immigration | هجرة (Arabic)

01.01.2014 - 10.07.2017





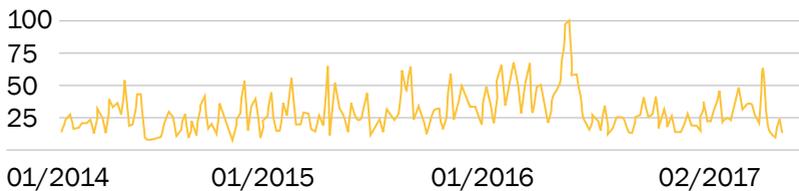
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Google Trends: Iraq



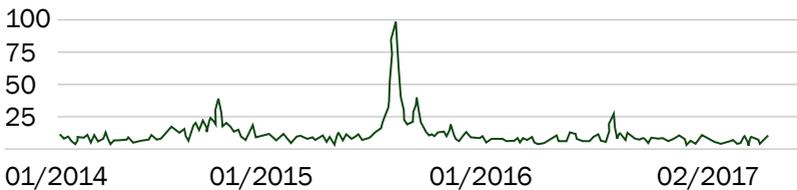
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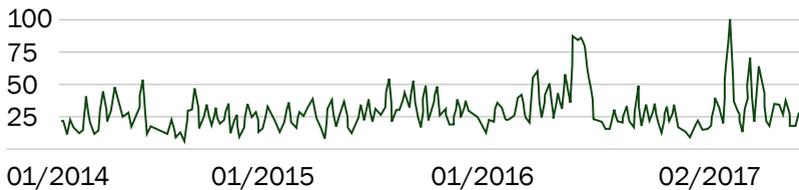
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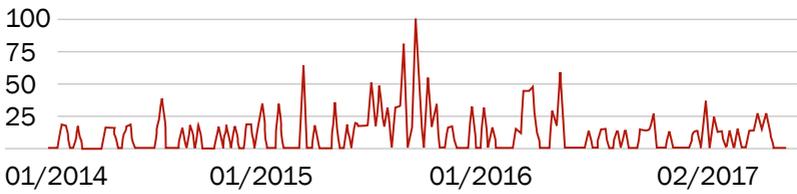


Google Trends: Afghanistan



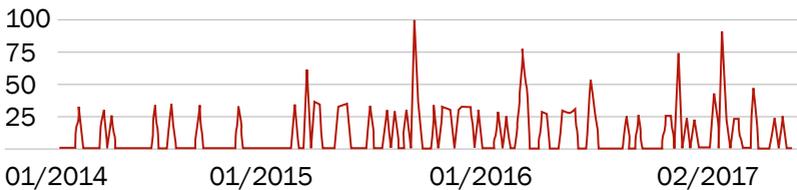
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Asylum | پناهندگی (Pashto)

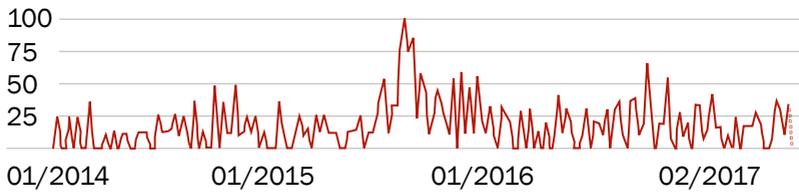
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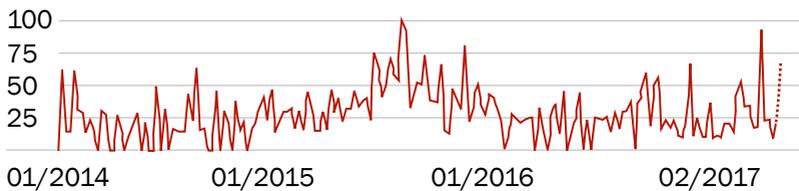
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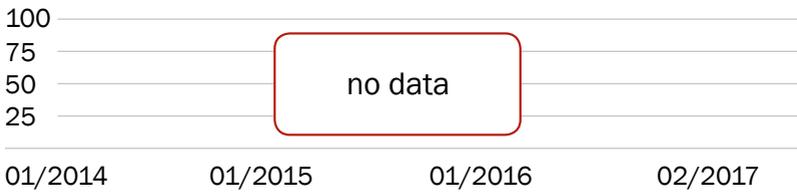
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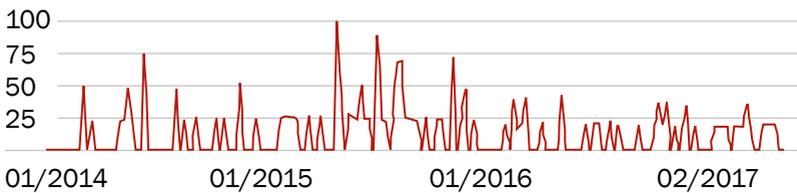
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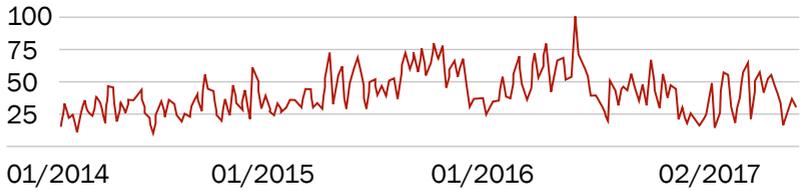
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Europe | اروپا (Dari)

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Legend

LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND WATERS

-  main railway
-  minor railway
-  railway under construction
-  motorway
-  main road
-  minor road
-  track
-  road under construction
-  lake
-  stream, river

HYPSONETRIC LAYER

-  above 6 000 m
-  5 000 to 6 000 m
-  4 000 to 5 000 m
-  3 000 to 4 000 m
-  2 000 to 3 000 m
-  1 000 to 2 000 m
-  500 to 1 000 m
-  200 to 500 m
-  0 to 200 m
-  land below sea level
-  -200 to 0 m
-  -500 to -200 m
-  -1 000 to -500 m
-  less than -1 000 m

NAMES AND MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION

- Eritrea** country
- Golan* disputed territory
-  TUNIS capital
-  Istanbul settlement more than 5 million inhabitants
-  Karaj settlement 1 million to 5 million inhabitants
-  Suez settlement 500 000 to 1 million inhabitants
-  Alanya settlement 100 000 to 500 000 inhabitants
-  Tamanrasset settlement 20 000 to 100 000 inhabitants
-  Tindouf settlement under 20 000 inhabitants
- S i n a i* landscape/mountain range
-  3 445 mountain summit and height
- Emi Koussi*
- Lampedusa* island
- Lake Van* waters

BOUNDARIES

-  international border
-  international maritime border (notional)
-  disputed border

SCALE 1 : 10 000 000



PROJECTION

Robinson, WGS84

Topography: Syria



Russian Federation

Georgia

Turkey

Cyprus

Lebanon

Syria

Iraq

Israel

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

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Topography: Iraq



Russian Federation

Georgia

Azerbaijan

Syria

Iraq

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

KUWAIT

Kuwait



Ad Damman

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Topography: Afghanistan

Religious groups: Syria

	59	Sunni Muslims
	60	Twelver Shia Muslims
	59/60	Sunni Muslims and Twelver Shia Muslims
	52	Alevis
	59/52	Sunni Muslims and Alevis
	51	Alawites
	58	Ismailis
	55	Druze
	53	Christians
	61	Yezidis/Kaka'i/Yarsani/Ahl-e Haqq
	59/54	Sunni Muslims and Copts

Religious groups: Iraq

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	59/60	Sunni Muslims and Twelver Shia Muslims
	52	Alevis
	59/52	Sunni Muslims and Alevis
	51	Alawites
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Russian Federation

Georgia

Armenia

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Syria

Iraq

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

Kuwait

BAGHDAD

DAMASCUS

AMMAN

Ad Damman



Sea

Caspian

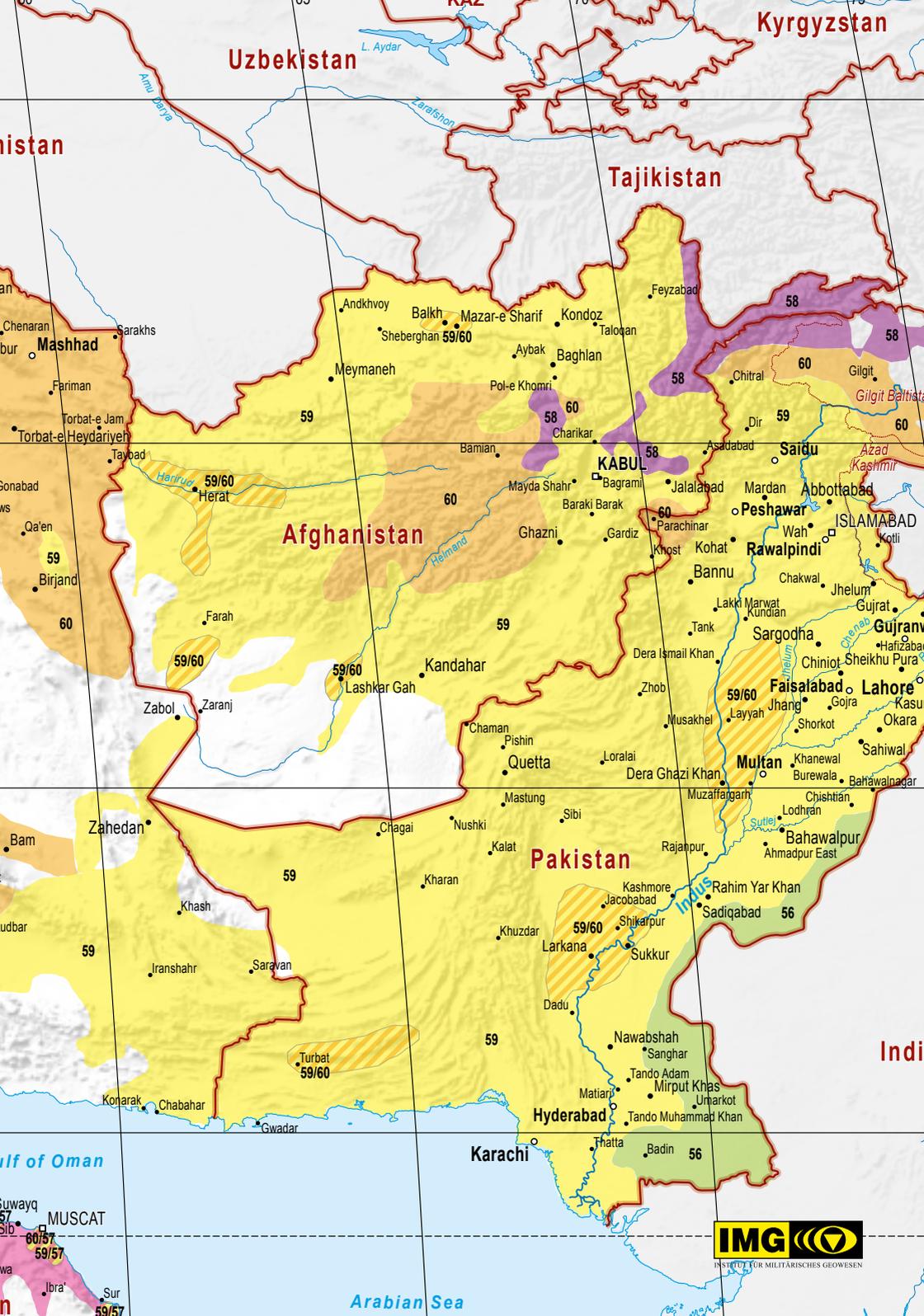
Persia Gulf

Sea

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Religious groups: Afghanistan

-  59 Sunni Muslims
-  60 Twelver Shia Muslims
-  59/60 Sunni Muslims and Twelver Shia Muslims
-  58 Ismailis
-  56 Hindus
-  61 Yezidis/Kaka'i/Yarsani/Ahl-e Haqq
-  57 Ibadi Muslims
-  59/57 Sunni Muslims and Ibadi Muslims
-  53 Christians



Uzbekistan

Kyrgyzstan

istan

Tajikistan

Mashhad

Afghanistan

KABUL

Pakistan

India

Gulf of Oman

Karachi

Hyderabad

MUSCAT

Arabian Sea



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Ethnic groups: Syria

-  2 Arabs (Arabic speaking)
-  26 Turks (Turkish speaking)
-  10 Kurds (Kurdish speaking)
-  26/10 Turks and Kurds
-  2/10 Arabs and Kurds
-  25 Turkmen (Turkmen speaking)
-  8 Caucasian peoples [Circassians, Georgians,...] (speaking NW-, NE- and S.-Caucasian languages)
-  3 Armenians, Assyrians, Arameans, Chaldeans and other Christians (non-Arabic speaking)
-  7 Berbers (speaking Berber languages)
-  17 Persians (Persian speaking)
-  4 Azeris (Azeri speaking)
-  11 Lurs, including Bakhtiaris (speaking Luri languages)
-  19 Qashqai (Qashqai speaking)
-  22 Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani (speaking NW-Iranian languages such as Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani)



Black Sea

Russian Federation

Georgia

Armenia

Turkey

AZE

Cyprus

Syria

Iraq

Lebanon

Jordan

Saudi Arab



Sinop

Zonguldak

Adapazarı

Eskisehir

Afyon

Antalya

Konya

Adana

Latakia

Tartus

Beirut

Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

Suez

Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Wajh

Samsun

Ordu

Giresun

Erzurum

Malatya

Gaziantep

Al Hasakah

Deir ez-Zor

Al-Mayadin

Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

Suez

Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Wajh

Al Wajh

Al Wajh

Abkhazia

South Ossetia

Artvin

Bayburt

Erzurum

Van

Siirt

Diyarbakir

Ar-Raqqah

Al-Qamishi

Arbil

Baghdad

Samarra

Karbala

Najaf

Arar

Sakaka

Dawmat al Jandal

Tayma'

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Wajh

Agri

Van

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Diyarbakir

Ar-Raqqah

Al-Qamishi

Arbil

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Dawmat al Jandal

Tayma'

Hail

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Al Wajh

Agri

Van

Siirt

Diyarbakir

Ar-Raqqah

Al-Qamishi

Arbil

Baghdad

Samarra

Karbala

Najaf

Arar

Sakaka

Dawmat al Jandal

Tayma'

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

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Al Wajh

Kastamonu

Karabuk

Bolu

Cankiri

Kirikkale

Kayseri

Konya

Adana

Latakia

Tartus

Beirut

Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

Suez

Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

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Malatya

Gaziantep

Al Hasakah

Deir ez-Zor

Al-Mayadin

Damascus

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Deir ez-Zor

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Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

Suez

Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

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Hurghada

Tabuk

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Unayzah

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Al Qusayr

Al Wajh

Sinop

Bafra

Samsun

Ordu

Giresun

Erzurum

Malatya

Gaziantep

Al Hasakah

Deir ez-Zor

Al-Mayadin

Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

Suez

Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

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Al Hasakah

Deir ez-Zor

Al-Mayadin

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Sharm ash Shaykh

Hurghada

Tabuk

Tayma'

Al Bada'i

Hail

Unayzah

Al Qusayr

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Erzurum

Malatya

Gaziantep

Al Hasakah

Deir ez-Zor

Al-Mayadin

Damascus

Amman

Jerusalem

Cairo

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Ethnic groups: Iraq

	2	Arabs (Arabic speaking)
	26	Turks (Turkish speaking)
	10	Kurds (Kurdish speaking)
	26/10	Turks and Kurds
	2/10	Arabs and Kurds
	25	Turkmens (Turkmen speaking)
	8	Caucasian peoples [Circassians, Georgians,...] (speaking NW-, NE- and S.-Caucasian languages)
	3	Armenians, Assyrians, Arameans, Chaldeans and other Christians (non-Arabic speaking)
	7	Berbers (speaking Berber languages)
	17	Persians (Persian speaking)
	4	Azeris (Azeri speaking)
	11	Lurs, including Bakhtiaris (speaking Luri languages)
	19	Qashqai (Qashqai speaking)
	22	Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani (speaking NW-Iranian languages such as Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani)

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	17	Persians (Persian speaking)
	4	Azeris (Azeri speaking)
	10	Kurds (Kurdish speaking)
	5	Baloch (Balochi speaking)
	2	Arabs (Arabic speaking)
	2/17	Arabs and Persians
	25	Turkmens (Turkmen speaking)
	11	Lurs, including Bakhtiaris (speaking Luri languages)
	19	Qashqai (Qashqai speaking)
	22	Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani (speaking NW-Iranian languages such as Talysh, Gilaki and Mazanderani)
	16	Pashtuns (Pashto speaking)
	21	Tajiks (Persian speaking)
	9	Hazaras (speaking Persian dialect Hazaragi)
	27	Uzbeks (Uzbek speaking)
	1	Aimaq (mainly speaking Aimaq dialects of Persian)
	14	Nuristanis (speaking Nuristani languages)
	15	Pashai (Pashai speaking)
	18	Punjabis, including Saraikis (speaking Punjabi languages)
	20	Sindhis (Sindhi speaking)
	5/20	Baloch and Sindhis
	28	Others such as Kho/Chitralis, Balti, Shina, Burusho, Kalasha, Wakhi, etc. (various languages)
	3	Armenians, Assyrians, Arameans, Chaldeans and other Christians (non-Arabic speaking)
	2/5	Arabs and Baloch (Arabic and Balochi speaking)

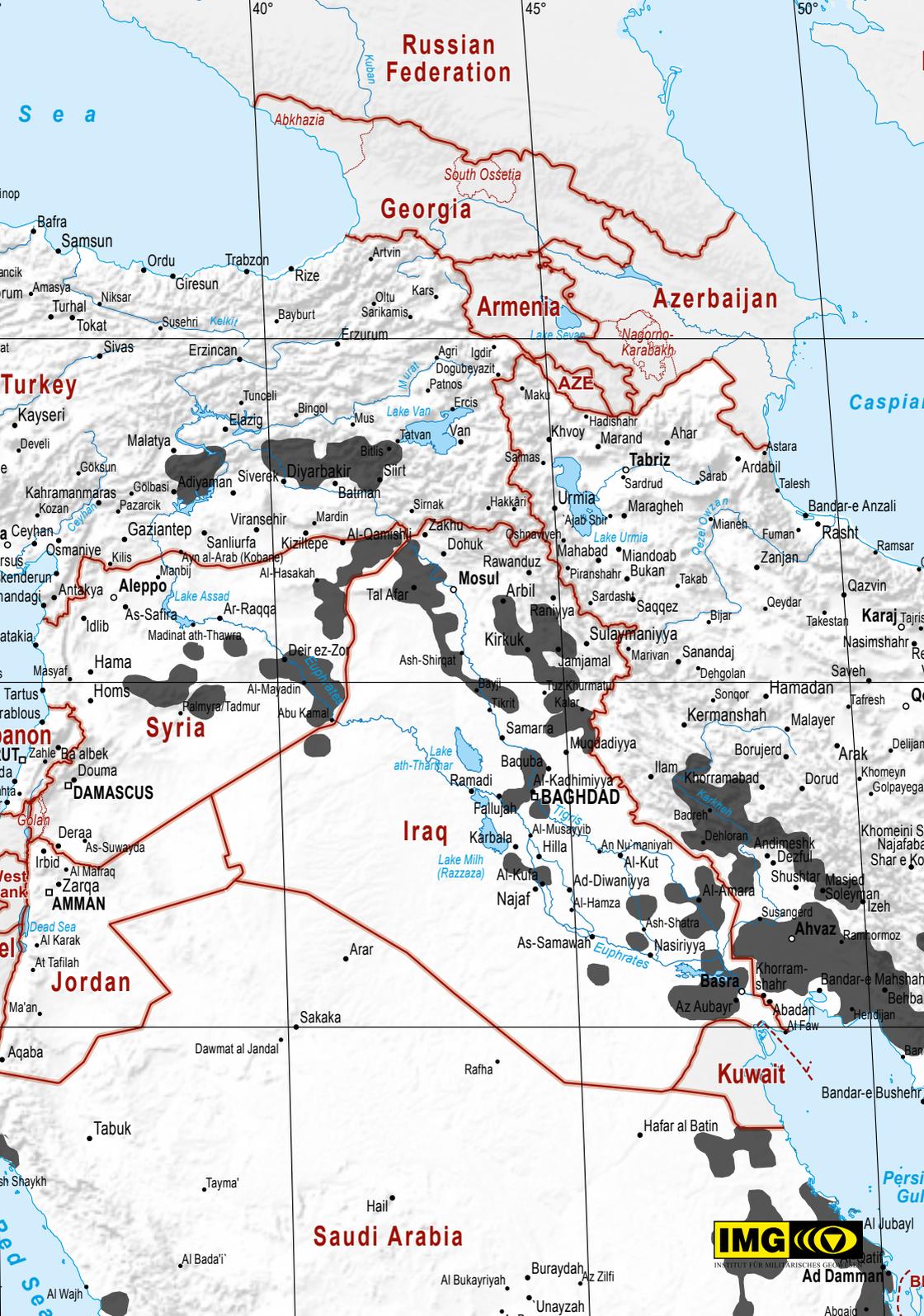


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Dera Ismail Khan

Zhob

Musakhel

Loralai

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Religious groups Syria and Iraq:

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Religious groups Afghanistan:

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Ethnic groups Syria and Iraq:

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