



DEPORTATION FROM GREECE

NO ONE MAY BE DEPORTED DURING THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

It is legally crystal clear: no human being may be deported during an ongoing asylum claim. Asylum seekers have proof of arrival and a registration card which legally prove that their stay in Greece is

permitted. The Greek Asylum Service must first clarify whether there is a need for protection. Only in case of a negative decision and an unsuccessful appeal is there a risk of deportation.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION



RefuComm recommends that all asylum seekers on the Islands seek [legal assistance](#) as soon as possible or at least as soon as they receive a negative decision following the admissibility or eligibility interviews so that they can [appeal](#). Free legal aid should be provided by law.

The Greek Asylum Service, under pressure from the EU, is currently working on asylum procedures more quickly than before, so that the hearing can be carried out quickly and people can be returned to Turkey or to their own country.

Therefore, refugees should **prepare** themselves well for the asylum interview, in particular by drawing on the specific threats they see for themselves in Turkey or their country of origin and by clarifying places and dates of events. [Guides](#) to [interview preparation](#) and [the procedures](#) on the Islands are [here](#).

BEFORE DEPORTATION

Tell us!

There is no official warning that deportations will take place. We rely on you to tell us so that we can tell the world what is happening to you.



CONTACT

[Refugee Infobus](#) on

whatsapp +30 694 011 0958

OR

CONTACT

[Advocates Abroad](#) on

whatsapp +30 694 400 3383

AFTER DEPORTATION

Report your Deportation

1. **SAVE THE PHONE NUMBERS** of human rights organisations in Turkey who support refugees. A list of phone numbers is below. It is almost certain that your 'phone will be confiscated in detention wherever you are going, so keep a paper backup of the contact details hidden somewhere in your possessions, which are least likely to be taken away, or memorise the telephone numbers, or write numbers on your body.
2. **PUT A CALL TRACKING APP ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE, so that you know where you are.** There are at least 18 holding areas for deportees in Turkey, you may also be moved, it is likely you will not know where you are.
3. **PREPARE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** You may be allowed access to a phone in detention to be able to call someone who can help you. **If you do get access to a phone in detention** the call could be as short as **3 minutes** and you may get one call a day so make sure you are ready to quickly give your exact name, nationality, languages spoken, location, date of deportation and date of birth when you contact support groups. Lawyers in Turkey can only access clients in detention if they have the exact registered names and proof that the detainee requested them, and even then it is often still very difficult for Turkish lawyers to get access to clients in detention.
4. **SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHER REFUGEES.**

Here are some organisations in Turkey that will be helpful to you:

Refugee Rights Centre

Extensive, free of charge legal counselling and assistance services to asylum seekers of all nationalities. They provide assistance especially to people whose asylum applications are rejected, those who are in detention centres and who are detained at the airports in Istanbul.

Opening hours Istanbul-office: all week days 10:00-17:00.

Address: Refik Saydam Cad. Dilber Apt. No:39 4th Floor, Flat Number: 11

Sishane –Beyoglu – ISTANBUL

Tel: 0090 212 292 48 30

Fax: 0090 212 292 48 33

E-mail: refugeeaid@hyd.org.tr or info@mhd.org.tr

Web: www.mhd.org.tr

Mülteci DER (Izmir)

Extensive, free of charge legal counselling and assistance services to asylum seekers of all nationalities. They provide assistance especially to people whose asylum applications are rejected, those who are in detention centre, those who are apprehended in the Aegean region while trying to cross to Greece irregularly and those who are detained at the airport in Izmir.

Uğur Mh. 848 Sk No:16 Konak-Izmir

Tel: 0090 232 483 54 21 / 0090 549 483 54 22

Web: www.multeci.org.tr

Email: bilgi@multeci.org.tr

Mazlum-Der

Human rights organization. They have branches almost in every city in Turkey.

<http://world.mazlumder.org/>

İnsan Hakları Derneği (İHD- Human Rights Association)

Human rights organization. They have branches almost in every city in Turkey.

<http://en.ihd.org.tr/>

Returnwatch

Returnwatch monitors risks that forced returnees from the European Union face upon arrival in Turkey. They are an initiative of volunteers and researchers who operate under the umbrella of the [Post-Deportation Monitoring Network](#).

They can connect returnees to Turkey with lawyers and human rights NGOs in Turkey, as well as document the procedures implemented by Turkish authorities.

Contact them on www.returnwatch.org

Deportation Support for Other countries can be found [here](#):