

Press Release Regarding Foreigners in Istanbul Province (18.06.2023)

PRESS RELEASE

In our province of Istanbul;

- **670,988 foreigners with residence permits,**
- **531,381 Syrians under temporary protection,**
- **Including 3,784 international protection applicants ,**

There are a total of **1,206,153 foreigners** .

- v. **A total of 10 districts in Istanbul, including Esenyurt, Küçükçekmece, Başakşehir, Bağcılar, Avcılar, Bahçelievler, Sultangazi, Esenler, Zeytinburnu and Fatih, and 54 neighborhoods where the foreign population reaches 20 percent of the Turkish population are closed to foreign registration.**
- v. **Additionally, as of 2019, registration of Syrians under temporary protection has been closed throughout our province, except for humanitarian reasons.**
- v. **With the measures taken, the number of foreigners, which was 1,252,999 as of the end of 2022, decreased to 1,206,153 as of 18.06.2023.**

In addition to the regulations made in the field of regular migration, our efforts to effectively combat illegal migration and prevent irregular migration in Istanbul continue with determination.

As of 2023,

- **Our law enforcement units carried out procedures against a total of 35,094 foreigners within the scope of raids on illegal immigrant houses, identity checks in squares and at the entry and exit points of public transportation lines, checks on beaches and recreation areas, and operations against illegal immigrants targeting workplaces.**
- **Of the 35,094 foreigners sent to repatriation centers for deportation, 13,782 were deported by the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Migration Management, and 19,552 were sent to repatriation centers in other provinces under the coordination of the Directorate of Migration Management for deportation in order to effectively manage capacity.**
- **In 2022, within the scope of the effective fight against illegal immigration, 172,015 irregular migrants were processed, 49,052 of these foreigners were deported from our country, and 111,519 were sent to repatriation centers in other provinces under the coordination of the Directorate of Migration Management for deportation.**

The number of foreigners in our province is being monitored by district and neighborhood, and necessary measures are being taken as needed. Our operations to prevent irregular migration and target illegal immigrants will continue with determination.

Current and detailed statistical information about foreign nationals in our country can be accessed on the website of the Directorate of Migration Management (www.goc.gov.tr).

Everyone is expected to use official data in statements made on migration and to show due care and sensitivity within the framework of the public's right to be accurately informed.

It is respectfully announced to the public.