



Ad-Hoc Query on returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur and Somalia

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1. Background Information

Slovak Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior is currently considering its policy regarding asylum seekers from North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) and Somalia. Due to the fact that the website of Eurostat provides only data for the category “third country nationals returned following an order to leave” which includes both forced and voluntary returns and not all the Member States’ data are available for the year 2013, we would highly appreciate information from other Member States regarding their return policy concerning rejected asylum seekers from North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) and Somalia.

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1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to **North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)**?
2. If yes:
 - a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?
 - b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?
 - c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).

3. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to **Somalia**?
4. If yes:
 - a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?
 - b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?
 - c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).

We would appreciate your response by **June 13, 2014**.





2. Responses¹

		Wider Dissemination? ²	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? 2. If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur
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			<p align="center">(Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p> <p>3. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia?</p> <p>4. If yes:</p> <p>a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?</p> <p>b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)?</p> <p>c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p>
	Austria	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	Belgium	Yes	<p>1. <u>Voluntary returns to North Darfur:</u> Belgian authorities haven't received requests for (assisted) voluntary returns to North Darfur. <u>Forced returns to North Darfur:</u> Belgian authorities haven't developed specific guidelines regarding forced returns to North Darfur (Republic of Sudan) as they haven't experienced such cases.</p> <p>2. a) Respectively 4 persons in 2013 and 1 in 2014 were voluntarily returned to the Republic of Sudan with final destination Khartoum. b) No Sudanese has been forcibly returned from Belgium in 2013 or in 2014. Should Sudanese have had to be returned, it would have been difficult to determine whether they were originating from Darfur or not, as there is no classification according to the region of origin. c) /.</p> <p>3. <u>Voluntary returns to Somalia:</u> Voluntary returns to Somalia are being carried out by the Immigration Office (booking air/bus tickets and accompanying returnees until starting point) but no reintegration assistance can be provided by Fedasil (Federal Agency for the reception of Asylum-Seekers) which has currently no partner over there. <u>Forced returns to Somalia:</u> Belgian authorities aren't currently implementing forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia.</p> <p>4. a) In 2013, no person was voluntarily returned from Belgium to Somalia. In 2014, one person, who obtained an air transport ticket from the Immigration Office and was accompanied until the gate, effectively returned voluntarily to Somalia. b) There haven't been any forced return to Somalia in 2013 and in 2014 (see answer to question 3). c) /.</p>
	Bulgaria	Yes	
	Cyprus	Yes	




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	Czech Republic	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	Denmark	Yes	
	Estonia	Yes	1-.3. In 2013 and in the first three months of 2014, the Republic of Estonia had not compiled any voluntary returns injunctions or carried out any forced returns injunctions to people from Sudan (North Darfur). In 2013 and in the first three months of 2014, the Republic of Estonia had not compiled any voluntary returns injunctions or carried out any forced returns injunctions to people from Somalia.
	Finland	No	This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further.
	France	Yes	In 2013, French authorities carried out forced/voluntary returns of third-country nationals who illegally stayed on the French territory towards Sudan and Somalia. However, it is statistically impossible to know for which reasons these migrants were in an irregular situation in France (failed asylum seekers, migrants who had illegally entered the territory, migrants whose residence permit has not been renewed, etc.).
	Germany	Yes	1.: Yes, but the figures for 2. refer to the Republic of Sudan, statistically we do not distinguish regions. 2.a): 8 (2013); 1 (2014) 2.b): 1 (2013); 0 (2014) 3.: Yes 4.a): 6 (2013); 1 (2014) 4.b): No forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia
	Greece	Yes	
	Hungary	Yes	1. No. 2. N.A. 3. No. 4. N.A.
	Ireland	Yes	
	Italy	Yes	5. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? Italy does not carry out forced returns of asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) and to Somalia d) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? 2013: 2 voluntary returns; no returns in 2014 e) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of

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			<p>rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p> <p>0</p> <p>6. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia?</p> <p>No</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? There were some cases of voluntary returns to Sudan.</p> <p>2.If yes:</p> <p>f) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2012 - 1 person voluntarily returned from Latvia to Sudan and 1 person returned voluntarily to Sudan in 2013. During first 3 months of 2014 there were no cases of voluntary returns to Sudan.</p> <p>g) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? No practice of forced returns from Latvia to Sudan in 2013 and 2014.</p> <p>h) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p> <p>3. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia? Latvia does not have experience in voluntary and forced returns of foreigners to Somalia (neither illegal immigrants, nor also rejected asylum seekers).</p> <p>4. If yes:</p> <p>d) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? No cases.</p> <p>e) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? No cases.</p> <p>f) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p>
	Lithuania	Yes	N/a. In 2013 and 2014, there were no asylum seekers from Sudan or Somalia (except for one Sudanese who was returned to another MS according to the Dublin procedure).
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. No. Luxembourg does not conduct forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur in Sudan. However, Luxembourg has carried out 1 voluntary return to Sudan in 2012³ and 1 in 2011⁴.</p> <p>2. N/A</p>

³ Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annual Rapport, 2012, p. 88

⁴ Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Annual Raport 2011, p. 71






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			<p>3. No. Luxembourg has not carried out voluntary returns and does not carry out forced returns to Somalia.</p> <p>4. N/A</p>
	Malta	Yes	MT has not effected any forced returns to North Darfur or Somalia in 2013 or 2014.
	Netherlands	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)?</p> <p>The Netherlands does not register return to parts/regions of a country, but to the country as a whole. Voluntary and forced return to Sudan is possible.</p> <p>2. If yes:</p> <p>a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 there have been approx. 10 voluntary returns to Sudan. In the first 3 months of 2014 there have been approx. 5 voluntary returns to Sudan. These figures concern foreign nationals in general, not only rejected asylumseekers.</p> <p>b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 there have been a couple forced returns to Sudan. In the first 3 months of 2014 there has been a single forced return to Sudan. These figures concern foreign nationals in general, not only rejected asylumseekers.</p> <p>c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p> <p>3. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia?</p> <p>Voluntary and forced return to Somalia is possible.</p> <p>4. If yes:</p> <p>d) a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 there have been approx. 45 voluntary returns to Somalia. In the first 3 months of 2014 there have been approx. 5 voluntary returns to Somalia. These figures concern foreign nationals in general, not only rejected asylumseekers.</p> <p>e) b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 there have been a couple forced returns to Somalia. In the first 3 months of 2014 there has been no forced return to Somalia. These figures concern foreign nationals in general, not only rejected asylumseekers.</p>




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			c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014). -
	Poland	Yes	
	Portugal	Yes	Portugal has no experience in this regard.
	Romania	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? The General Inspectorate for Immigration performs both voluntary and forced returns to Republic of the Sudan If yes: a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? None b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? 2013 – 1 (asylum application was finally and irrevocable rejected in 2012) c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014). -</p> <p>2. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia? Due to the general situation in Somalia, the General Inspectorate for Immigration performs only voluntary return to Somalia, upon request of the returnee. If yes: a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? None b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? None c) In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014).</p>
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slovak Republic has no experience in this regard. 2. N.A. 3. Slovak Republic has no experience in this regard. 4. N.A.
	Slovenia	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slovenia had no such cases. 2. N.A.



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			<p>3. Slovenia had no such cases.</p> <p>4. N.A.</p>
	Spain	Yes	
	Sweden	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? Sweden has very few returns to Sudan (we cannot say to which region of Sudan these returns are carried out).</p> <p>2. If yes: - What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 the number of voluntary returns to Sudan (the whole country) was 12 and for the first quarter of 2014 the number was 4. - What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 the number of forced returns to Sudan (the whole country) was 5 and for the first quarter of 2014 the number was 1. - In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014). NA</p> <p>3. Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia? Sweden has very few returns to Somalia</p> <p>4. If yes: - What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 the number of voluntary returns to Somalia was 24 and for the first quarter of 2014 the number was 4. - What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? In 2013 the number of forced returns to Somalia was 9 and for the first quarter of 2014 the number was 2. - In case the data in a) or b) is not available, please provide the total number of returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014). NA</p>
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>1. Yes. All asylum and human rights claims are carefully considered on their individual merits in accordance with the UK's obligations under the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the European Convention on Human Rights. We closely monitor developments in all countries of return and take decisions on a case-by-case basis in the light of our international obligations and the latest available country information.</p> <p>Where a decision has been made that a person does not require international protection, and there are no remaining rights of appeal or obstacles to their return, the UK expects unsuccessful asylum seekers to return voluntarily to their home country. Return and reintegration assistance is available to enable returnees to rebuild their lives in their country of origin.</p> <p>If an individual does not leave the UK voluntarily, then it will become necessary to enforce their removal. We do not remove an individual unless it is safe to do so, with a safe route of return.</p>

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			<p>2. a) The total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to the Republic of Sudan was 12 in 2013 and 2 for the first quarter of 2014. b) The total number of enforced returns of rejected asylum seekers to the Republic of Sudan was 2 in 2013 and 3 for the first quarter of 2014. c) n/a</p> <p>3. (Please see our answer to 1.)</p> <p>4. a) The total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia was 9 in 2013 and none for the first quarter of 2014. b) The total number of enforced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia was 2 in 2013 and 3 in the first quarter of 2014. c) n/a</p>
	Croatia		
	Norway	Yes	<p>Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan)? YES</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? There were 25 assisted returns in 2013; Jan-Mar 2014 there were 18 assisted returns 2. What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to North Darfur (Republic of the Sudan) in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? There was one forced return in 2013 and one in 2014 Jan-Mar <p>Does your Member State carry out voluntary or forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia? YES</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the total number of voluntary returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? Assisted returns in 2013 there were 6 and Jan – Mar 2014 there were 3 b) What was the total number of forced returns of rejected asylum seekers to Somalia in 2013 (and if available in the first 3 months of 2014)? 24 forced returns in 2013 and 5 forced returns Jan-Mar 2014
