The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees records 60% more voluntary returns in 2025 than in 2024

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) recorded a significant increase in voluntary departures through the REAG/GARP programme (Reintegration and Emigration Programme for Asylum-Seekers in Germany / Government Assisted Repatriation Programme) in 2025. A total of 16,576 people received support to return to their country of origin or a third country willing to accept them, which represents a significant increase in departures compared to the 10,358 departures in 2024.

The majority of voluntary departures were to Türkiye, Syria, the Russian Federation, Georgia and Iraq.

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