Refugee Support Aegean publishes report with data on deportation and immigration detention

In November 2026, Refugee Support Aegean (RSA) reported on deportation and immigration detention statistics for the first half of 2026. According to the report, which uses figures supplied by the Greek authorities in response to parliamentary questions and builds on RSA's documentation, the Hellenic Police issued about 7,800 decisions ordering a removal from Greece in the first half of 2026. In addition, the Hellenic Police issued about 7,300 detention orders in the first half of 2026, while the RIS issued about 17,150 'freedom restriction' orders.

RSA reported that immigration detention is used systematically and not as a last resort; there are obstacles to the accessibility of the administrative appeal against return and deportation decisions; and there is absence of free legal assistance, which affects negatively access to remedy.

More information is available here.

Source(s)

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