Government repeals decision to set up Asylum Centre branches at border crossings

The government assessed the situation regarding irregular migration and concluded that migratory pressures had decreased since the decision was made to set up Asylum Centre branches at the former Obrežje and Središče ob Dravi border crossings.

The measure was adopted during a period of increased migratory pressure, when a large number of people had expressed their intention to apply for international protection. The planned facilities were intended to provide temporary accommodation for the duration of the *force majeure*. However, as migratory pressures have gradually diminished since 2024, the facilities were never set up, despite the decision remaining in force.

Given the current reduced need for additional temporary accommodation, the government concluded that the grounds on which the decision was made no longer applied. In reaching this decision, the government also took into account the concerns expressed by local communities and gave due consideration to their warnings about the impact of migration-related issues in the area. Notably, the majority of irregular entries into Slovenia are recorded in precisely this area, which is located within one of these two municipalities. The decision reflects the State's response to the changed situation and forthcoming amendments to legislation governing international protection.

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