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Solidary visit to war refugees in Belgrade Parks

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On July 15th 2016, we visited refugees in parks near the Central Bus Station and at the Faculty of Economics. There were much more refugees than in the previous period and the humanitarian situation significantly deteriorated. Aid we brought, a few packages of water, bananas and chocolate were shared in half a minute. It was not possible to maintain some order while we were sharing aid.

In talk with the refugees we learned that they are staying in Belgrade for much longer. Members of a family from Afghanistan told us that they are already 8 days in Belgrade, they are sleeping in the park and to fend for food. A number of meals is shared, but it is not enough for everyone.

One guy from Iran told us that he is for three weeks in Belgrade. Sleeping in parks, but when it rains seeking shelter in hallways of surrounding buildings or at the bus station. He told us that he was the national team member of Iran in rugby and he wants to go to England to play rugby. He was able to get in touch with some smugglers and they promised him they will take him over the Hungarian border for a day or two. We warned him to be careful and told him that many smugglers are scammers, he told us that he knew that, he had heard for many cases of people who have been deceived, but he has no other options.

In the park there were a lot of refugees who managed to cross into Hungary, but they were later caught and torture by the Hungarian police and the army and returned to Serbia. Their stories brought additional anxiety among the refugees.

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