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Meet one of Turkey's Few Female Beekeepers

Arife received training through IOM Turkey's Livelihoods Programme

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Two migrants drown off the coast of Ayvalık, Turkey while 33 others were rescued alive from a sinking boat by the Turkish Coast Guard.

IOM's Director of Emergencies Jeff Labovitz visits IOM Turkey's Gaziantep field office in the southeast.

Syrian and Turkish women spend the afternoon cooking a feast of traditional dishes in Suruç, a rural district near the Syrian border in Şanlıurfa Province.
The New Humanitarian: 
Behind the new refugee surge to the Greek islands

Since the EU and Turkey signed an agreement in March 2016 aimed at stopping the flow of asylum seekers and migrants across the Aegean, arrivals to the Greek Islands during the summer have ranged from around 2,000 to just under 5,000 people per month. The spike in people trying to reach the Greek islands also coincides with an increase in the number of asylum seekers and migrants crossing into Turkey. ‘We’ve noticed a general... increase in movement across the country lately’, said Lanna Walsh, a spokesperson for the UN’s migration agency, IOM, in Turkey.

(Photo: Costas Baltas/Reuters)

IOM Turkey mourns the loss of our dear colleague Selin Avşarcan

On 16th October, IOM Turkey lost a dear young colleague, National Officer Selin Avşarcan. Her colleagues and friends described her as very responsible, dedicated, and highly motivated. She would always stay on top of her duties, responsibilities, and often put her colleagues before herself. She had strong communication skills and touched the lives of so many colleagues and friends. With her presence and good sense of humor, she brought positive energy into our lives.

Her smiling face, vibrant personality and dedication to her work will be never forgotten.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH
Staff’s Choice - Selected by IOM Turkey staff on a voting basis.
Zeliha, a Turkish beneficiary with her daughter at the yard of Ensar Community Centre where she attends language courses.

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Many humanitarian workers are subject to distress and anguish caused by working in difficult situations. IOM Turkey has been supporting our Protection team with
self-care sessions to help them overcome and cope with the daily stress of their work.

OUR STORIES: NASRA

“What I care about now is my sixteen-year-old daughter’s future. My future has gone after the war and I need to make sure that hers is not. I want her to continue her education and I am sure that this country can give her what I have lost.”

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IOM TURKEY IN THE NEWS

- Local Televizyon of Adana covered the Terrarium workshop held by IOM and Adana Metropolitan Municipality. The Terrarium Workshop was held at the Migration Coordination and Adaptation Centre of the Adana Metropolitan Municipality and aimed to accelerate the integration of migrants with host communities.

- Ufik Gazetesi covered Integrated Border Management Programme Officer Darijus Pamparas’ visit with Keçiören Mayor Turgut Altınok.

- Local Artı49 announced the council meeting of the UNICEF Prevention of Child, Early and Forced Marriage Project in Ağrı.

- The New Humanitarian quoted IOM Turkey’s Spokesperson in an article about the surge of migrants arriving on the Greek islands.
National HaberTürk covered the historical tour that was organized in Belemedik Nature Park, by the Migration Coordination and Harmonization Centre in cooperation with IOM Turkey, and Adana Metropolitan Municipality.