# Khalid's Way
## – from Yemen to Austria

In June of 2011 Khalid's family started their way. Above all, they wanted to leave the war torn city and capital of Yemen, Sanaa – their destination was uncertain. More than 5 years later Khalid, his parents and his four siblings arrived at the Vienna Westbahnhof in Austria. Khalid's personal way to Austria is shown in this map and linked with statistics provided by the UNHCR on the Number of Asylum Seekers in the same period of time.

*»The hardest moments were the 10 hours on the boat, without any food and anything to drink.«*
– Khalid Seef, 18

Khalid's route to Vienna was reconstructed by an interview I conducted with Khalid. At this moment, he had already lived almost 2 years in Vienna. At some points it was not possible to reproduce the exact route, not even with the help of his parents. So I tried to fill up these gaps by using maps and reports (e.g. FRONTEX Reports), which I had found online.

This is only one story, but the statistics suggest that there are millions of other stories to be told. Bearing in mind that the numbers include only official asylum seekers, whereas illigeal migration and deaths are not covered.

**Nations**
- EU-Member
- Schengen-Member
- non-EU-Member

**Refugee Route**
- Airplane
- Bus
- Rubber Raft
- Ship
- Taxi
- important Stop
- important Incident

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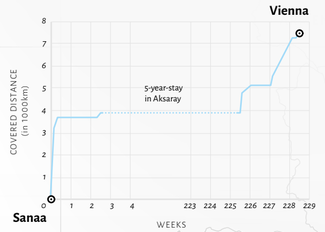
**101** from others
**121.894** from Asia
**22.817** from Africa
**26.1894** from Europe
**162** from Yemen to Austria

Vienna
194km – ½ Days
Graz
Spielfeld
1712km – 7 Days
closed border to Hungary

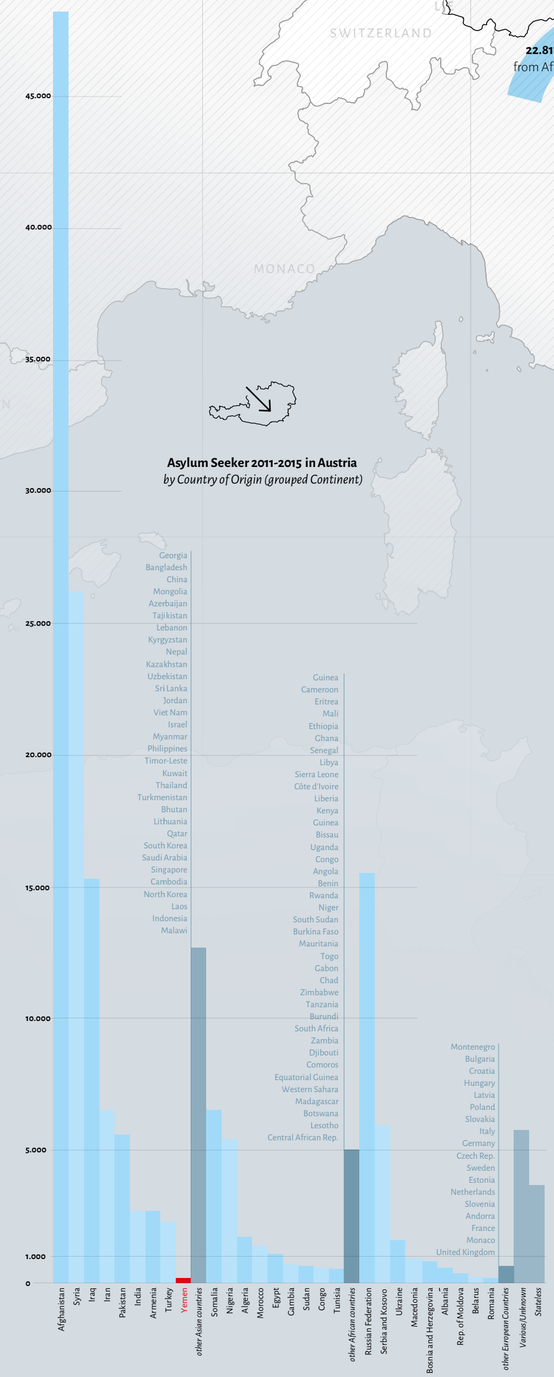
Suddenly the replacement engine of the rubber raft also stops running.
After engine failure of the smuggler-boat they are forced to go ashore, hide in the mountains and wait for a replacement motor.
Manisa
Izmir
Hios
A hunter threatens the group and takes away the leftover fuel.
340km – 3 Days
Khalid's Boat is floating in the open sea.
Samos
Soke
Khalid waits 1 week in a Camp on Samos for a Ship to Athens.
375km – 2 Days

Istanbul
685km – 2 Days
Ankara
For a period of nearly 5 years Khalid lives in the town of Aksaray. Together with his familiy he is waiting for the UN to to tell them to which europeain or americian country they could go.
Izmir
Athens
Samos
Aksaray
898km – 2 Days
3.210km – 1 Day

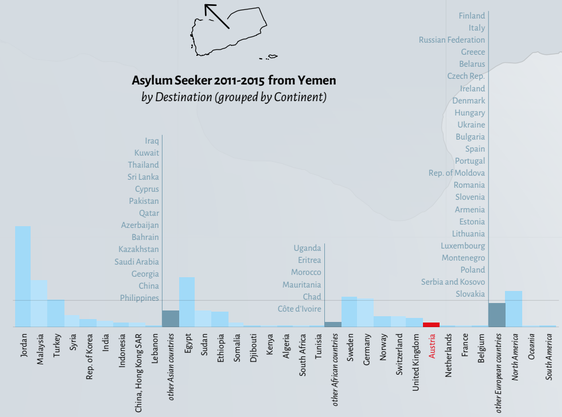
Airplane | Bus | Rubber Raft | Ship | Taxi
0km 1.000 2.500 5.000 7.460km

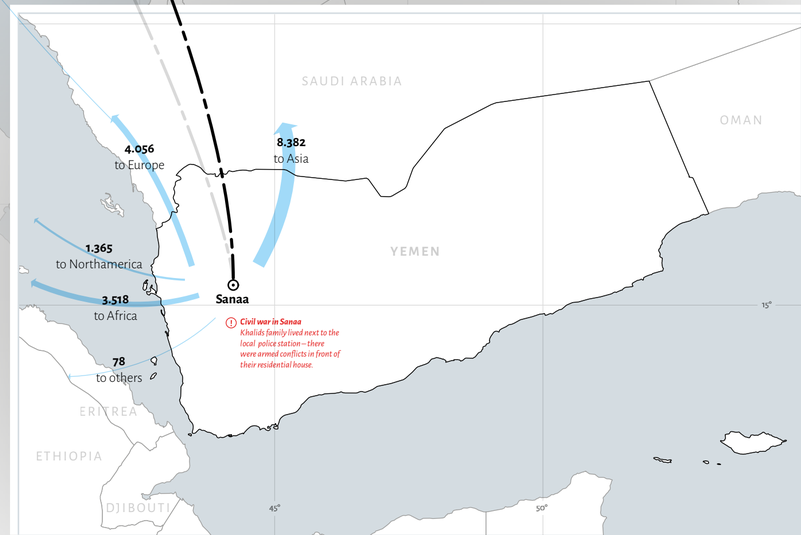



**Asylum Seeker 2011-2015 in Austria**
*by Country of Origin (grouped Continent)*




**Asylum Seeker 2011-2015 from Yemen**
*by Destination (grouped by Continent)*





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