

URGENT ACTION

ROMANI FAMILIES GRANTED THE RIGHT TO WATER

Five Romani families, including children, who were forcibly evicted from Belgrade to Nis, a city in central Serbia, have been finally granted the right to water after action by Amnesty International activists.

Following an Urgent Action issued on 4 July, the authorities of the city of Nis have at last supplied drinking water to the Romani families who were forcibly evicted from their homes in the capital Belgrade on 26 April. On 18 July, the office of the newly elected major of Nis informed the organization that running water had finally been switched on at the warehouse. Amnesty International was able to confirm this in a telephone call to the families, who were extremely pleased to have water after almost three months wait. For more information, please see:

<http://amnesty.org/en/news/serbia-evicted-roma-families-finally-granted-access-water-2012-07-19>

We will continue to press the Nis city authorities to provide adequate alternative housing for the evicted Roma families, and improve their living conditions, including by providing electricity.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 188/12. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR70/012/2012/en>

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