

Census: Forced evictions of migrant Roma in France

(April – May – June 2014)

1. Press release

France Continues to Evict Roma on a Massive Scale

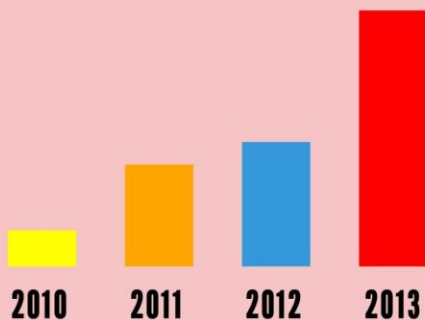
Budapest, Paris, 10 July 2014: France continues with its unlawful and costly policy of evicting Roma who have made use of their right to freedom of movement within the European Union from countries such as Romania. Between 1 April and 30 June 2014, 3,807 Roma were evicted from 40 different places. Fires in two settlements left 51 Roma homeless, while the French authorities implemented forced evictions in 38 settlements.

According to the findings of a survey conducted by the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) and the Ligue des droit de l'homme (LDH), there were 28 evictions due to court orders (eviction procedure started by landowners), eight evictions following an ordinance by the local mayor or prefect citing security reasons, and two settlements where people chose to leave, under the threat of imminent forced eviction.

During the first three months of 2014, the French authorities forcibly evicted a total of 3,428 Roma. The new figures gathered by the ERRC and the LDH clearly reflect that, despite commitments and criticism, the French authorities pursue their eviction policy rather than seeking ways to ensure full integration of Roma into French society.

Forced Evictions of Migrant Roma in France

Since 2011 the number of forced evictions of migrant Roma in France is rising alarmingly. French authorities continue to violate the treaties they signed and the rights of European citizens. Their policy prevents integration, boosts poverty among Roma and sheds racism against them.



In the 2nd quarter of 2014:

3807

Roma have
been evicted

from **40** places

**There is a strong urgency
for a sustainable Roma
integration policy. Stop
forced evictions now.**

Eviction policies violate the fundamental rights of Roma, secured by domestic legislation, including the French Constitution, as well as international law by which France is bound. Evictions should be

accompanied by rehousing and social support for the affected people, as set out in French government guidance published on 26 August 2012. In practice, temporary accommodation is offered to some families chosen using unclear criteria, but not to others. It is impossible under these conditions to implement any integration policy. The authorities do not fully adhere to their own guidance, in particular when it comes to measures aimed at integration. The guidance is nothing more than window dressing and evictions are in fact the automatic response of the authorities.

These evictions are costly and do not bring any sustainable or fair solution to the problem of Roma living in slums. Furthermore, the eviction policy hinders all the integration efforts promised by the French Government in its [National Strategy](#) and increases the vulnerability of Roma, pushing them further to the margins. Dehumanising evictions, coupled with racist comments by officials (including high-level politicians) claiming, for example, that Roma are unable to integrate, pave the way for violent actions such as the brutal attack [on 13 June 2014 when a 16 year-old Romani boy was nearly beaten](#) to death by a mob.

The ERRC has challenged France's eviction policy before the European Court of Human Rights. On 22 May 2014, the [ECtHR decided to hear the case of Hirtu and others v France](#), about the forced eviction of Romani families in early 2013. The Court will scrutinise France's practice of forced evictions and the way the French courts have responded to this practice. The Court has given the case priority treatment, a measure reserved for the most serious category of cases. The Ligue des Droits de l'Homme is seeking permission to intervene in the case as a third party.

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Note:

This survey is the result of joint work between the ERRC and the LDH. The figures are not comprehensive, but the census aims to be as accurate as possible in the absence of official data. The figures were gathered through media monitoring and reports from NGOs.

2. Results

During the second quarter of 2014, 3,807 people living in slums were made homeless (3.756 people were forced by the authorities and 51 after a fire on the settlement).

40 sites have been evicted and partial alternative accommodation was offered 18 times.

There were 28 evictions due to Court orders (eviction procedure started by landowners), 8 following a Mayor or Prefect bylaw for security reasons and in 2 cases, people chose to leave the settlement themselves, under the threat of imminent forced eviction.

Analysis of the results shows that evictions mainly occurred in four regions of France since the beginning of the year (96% of the evictions): Ile de France (70%), Rhône-Alpes (13%) Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (9%) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (4%).

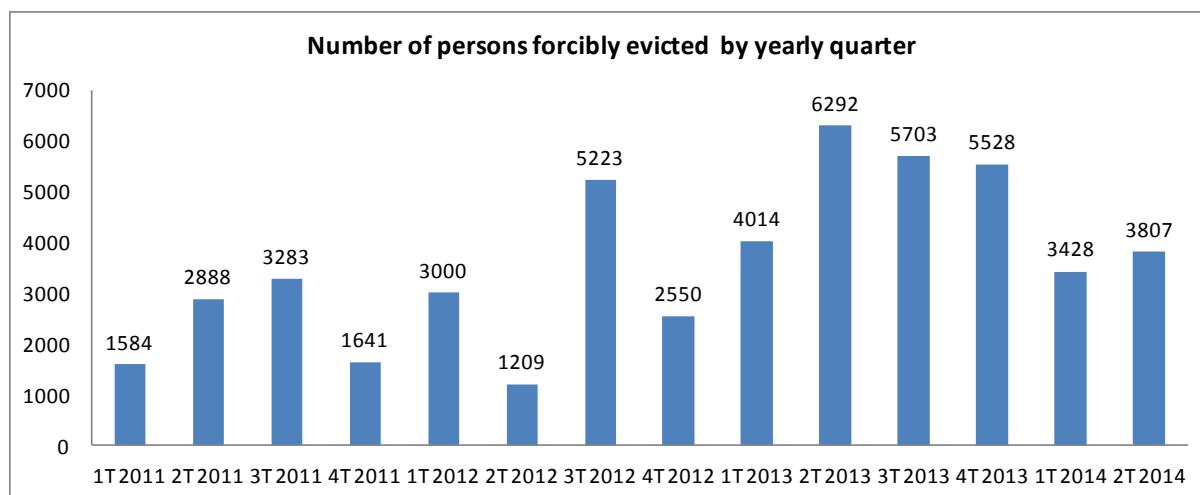
Alternative accommodation solutions are very rare, although in this census they are recorded when they are offered, even to a minority of inhabitants. Evictions continue to provoke violent ruptures of education, support and medical care, job search. Every integration project is destroyed after an eviction.

We continue to monitor the distribution of expulsion orders (obligation de quitter le territoire français – OQTF), including to European Union citizens. Very often the distributions of these orders are linked with the eviction of the settlement.

3. Changes compared to the previous period

The following charts detail the different figures and their evolution.

This analysis shows that the number of people evicted during the second quarter of 2014 remains extremely high.



	nbr of evictions by authorities	nbr of fires	nbr of evicted settlements	Partial altern. accom.	People evicted by authorities	People evicted by fires	Nbr of people
1T 2013	29	10	39	16	3007	1007	4014
2T 2013	38	4	42	17	5762	530	6292
3T 2013	57	5	62	29	5203	500	5703
4T 2013	41	3	44	12	5408	120	5528
Grand Total	165	22	187	74	19380	2157	21537
1T2014	27	9	36	17	2904	575	3428
2T2014	38	2	40	18	3756	51	3807
Grand Total	65	11	76	35	6660	626	7235

Note : These figures do not include either people expelled after an administrative decision (OQTF) or charter flights to send individuals back to their country of origin (for the record, at least 446 people were repatriated in group with 4 charter flights in 2013).

4. Violence and hate speech against Romani migrants

The list below is not exhaustive and gives only a few examples of violent cases.

April to June 2014:

- The report¹ of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights (CNCDH) delivered on 1 April 2014 to the Prime Minister denounced a "brutal and biologizing" racism in France and warns the PM about the rise of anti-Roma racism.
- A study of U.S. research centre, "Pew Research Center,"² shows that in Europe the rejection of Roma is much higher than that of Muslims and Jews. In France, two in three respondents have unfavorable opinions of Roma according to the survey.
- An Amnesty International report³, published on 8 April 2014, denounces police violence against Roma in France and the failure of European institutions to defend the rights of its citizens.
- A memo⁴ from the police of Paris discovered on May 5 ordered police officers from the 6th arrondissement of Paris to identify "Roma families living in the streets and evict them systematically." Asked about this, the government spokesman, Stéphane Le Foll said: "We must try to make them go back where they came from, Romania or Bulgaria. "
- Police harassment: three members of the security forces remove the mattress of a Roma family living on the street in Paris. These facts were filmed⁵ on 2 April 2014.
- A 17-year-old boy was lynched and left unconscious along the National Highway 1 in Pierrefitte-sur-Seine on 13 June 2014. The young boy is still in a coma on 30 June and perpetrators have not been arrested yet.⁶

¹ *La lutte contre le racisme, l'antisémitisme et la xénophobie, Année 2013*, avril 2014, CNCDH

² *A fragile rebound for EU image on eve of European parliament elections, Chapter 4, Views of Roma, Muslims, Jews*, 12 mai 2014, Pew research center

³ « *Nous réclamons justice* », *L'Europe doit protéger davantage les roms contre les violences racistes*, 8 avril 2014, Amnesty International

⁴ *Une note révèle des pratiques discriminatoires des policiers*, 15 avril 2014, C. Fouteau, Mediapart

⁵ *Video shows French police « stealing » a Roma's family mattress*, 7 mai 2014, C. Fouteau, Mediapart

⁶ *Lynchage d'un jeune Rom : non à l'indifférence*, 18 juin 2014, Éditorial, Le Monde

5. Detailed results for second quarter of 2014

Evacuations forcées de Roms étrangers occupant des lieux de vie en France (année 2014)																
Adresse ou lieu-dit	Commune(s)	Dpt	Région	Date	Trim	Nbr total de personnes évacuées	Expulsés pour cause				Présence OFII ou PAF (1=oui)	Sol. de relog. (1=partielle)	Arrêté Préfet / Maire / 48h fragrance	jugement TGI ou TA	seuls sous pression	Source/Réaction
							Nbr de personnes évacuées par les autorités	nbr	Nbr de personnes évacuées suite à incendies ou autres	nbr						
Rue de l'Ancienne-Sablrière	Vigneux-sur-Seine	Essonne	Ile-de-France	09-av	2T2014	40	40	1					1		Le Parisien 10 avril	
Av Fond de Vaux	St Ouen l'Aumône	Val d'Oise	Ile-de-France	18-av	2T2014	8			8	1					Le Parisien 19 avril	
Bvd de Tournai	Lezennes	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	22-av	2T2014	70	70	1			1		1		La Voix du Nord 22 avril	
Rue du Caire	Roubaix	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	22-av	2T2014	20	20	1				1			La Voix du Nord 22 avril	
Bvd du Mercantour	Nice	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	23-av	2T2014	80	80	1					1		FR3 23 avril	
Porte de Paris	Saint-Denis	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	24-av	2T2014	150	150	1						1	Le Parisien	
Av de la Cour-de-France	Juvisy-sur-Orge	Essonne	Ile-de-France	24-av	2T2014	50	50	1			1			1	Le Parisien 25 avril	
Site société SNR	Anancy	Haute-Savoie	Rhône-Alpes	25-av	2T2014	50	50	1			1			1	Tribune de Genève 25 av	
Campement de la Digue	Cran-Gevrier	Haute-Savoie	Rhône-Alpes	25-av	2T2014	75	75	1			1			1	Tribune de Genève 25 av	
Près de la déchèterie	Cran-Gevrier	Haute-Savoie	Rhône-Alpes	25-av	2T2014	75	75	1			1			1	Tribune de Genève 25 av	
Plateau des Couleures	Valence	Drôme	Rhône-Alpes	25-av	2T2014	30	30	1				1			France Bleu 25 avril	
site agroalimentaire	Bègles	Gironde	Aquitaine	29-av	2T2014	60	60	1			1				FR3 29 avril	
120 av Sid-Brahim	Grasse	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	30-av	2T2014	25	25	1			1			1	Nicematin 30 avril	
Rue de Lille	Roncq	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	06-mai	2T2014	50	50	1				1			La Voix du Nord 6 mai	
Boulevard Jean Moulin	Le Cannet	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	06-mai	2T2014	15	15	1				1		1	FR3 6 mai	
Collège Lucie-Aubrac	Tourcoing	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	07-mai	2T2014	40	40	1				1			Nord Eclair 7 mai	
Rue Gustave Roussy	Le Blanc Mesnil	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	12-mai	2T2014	700	700	1				1			Libération 12 mai	
Euralille	Lille	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	13-mai	2T2014	40	40	1				1			La Voix du Nord 14 mai	
Rue de la Cruppe	Villeneuve d'Ascq	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	18-mai	2T2014	43			43	1		1			La Voix du Nord 19 mai	
Sente de Montfort	La Courneuve	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	19-mai	2T2014	140	140	1					1		ERRC	
95 rue Emile Zola	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	20-mai	2T2014	40	40	1			1			1	ASEFRR	
Im. Féd Fran. Du Batiment	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	22-mai	2T2014	6	6	1					1		Le Parisien 22 mai	
Valence Sud	Valence	Drôme	Rhône-Alpes	26-mai	2T2014	10	10	1						1	Le Dauphiné 27 mai	
Av Strathkelvin	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	120	120	1			1	1			ASEFRR	
Av Strathkelvin	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	25	25	1			1	1			ASEFRR	
Quai de l'Apport	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	10	10	1						1	ASEFRR	
National 7	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	170	170	1			1				ASEFRR	
Bvd Pinel Hopital Desgenettes	Lyon	Rhône	Rhône-Alpes	27-mai	2T2014	100	100	1							mLyon 27 mai	
Quais de Seine	Bezons	Val d'Oise	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	250	250	1						1	Le Parisien 27 mai	
27 rue Bernard et Mazoyer	Aubervilliers	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	27-mai	2T2014	135	135	1						1	CP Mairie Aub. 27 mai	
Usine Galland	Villebon/Yvette	Essonne	Ile-de-France	02-juin	2T2014	200	200	1			1				RTL 2 juin	
Ferme de Variâtre	Lieussaint	Seine-et-Marne	Ile-de-France	02-juin	2T2014	120	120	1						1	Le Parisien 2 juin	
Terrain dit de "Mc Donalds"	La Courneuve	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	03-juin	2T2014	80	80	1						1	ERRC	
La Loubière	Toulon	Var	PACA	05-juin	2T2014	20	20	1						1	LDH Toulon	
N19	Limel-Brévannes	Val de Marne	Ile-de-France	12-juin	2T2014	80	80	1						1	Le Parisien 12 juin	
Quartier des Poètes	Pierrefite	Seine-Saint-Denis	Ile-de-France	17-juin	2T2014	200	200	1						1	Huffingtonpost 17 juin	
Rue du Général de Gaulle	Ablon-sue-Seine	Val-de-Marne	Ile-de-France	17-juin	2T2014	20	20	1			1				Le Parisien 17 juin	
La Parette 12ème arrond.	Marseille	Bouches-du-Rhône	PACA	18-juin	2T2014	400	400	1			1			1	FR3 18 juin	
Site Altea	Juvisy	Haute-Savoie	Rhône-Alpes	20-juin	2T2014	40	40	1			1			1	LibriInfo74 20 juin	
terrain	Cranves-Sales	Haute-Savoie	Rhône-Alpes	20-juin	2T2014	20	20	1			1			1	LibriInfo74 20 juin	
2ème trimestre 2014						3807	3756	38	51	2	0	18	8	28	2	

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squat La Métare	St Etienne	Loire	Rhône-Alpes	03-janv	1T2014	133	133	1				1				France Bleu 3 janvier
centre commercial Belle-Epine	Thiais	Val-de-Marne	Ile-de-France	09-janv	1T2014	70	70	1					1			Le Parisien 9 janvier
Déchétène	Perpignan	Pyrénées-Orientales	Languedoc-Roussillon	09-janv	1T2014	20	20	1					1			France Bleu 10 janvier
Avenue Roger Salengro	La Courneuve	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	15-janv	1T2014	200	200	1			1			1		Aulnaylibre 16 janvier
Rue de la Mulatière	St Etienne	Loire	Rhône-Alpes	21-janv	1T2014	78	78	1							1	Le Progrès 22 janvier
Rue Dr Schinazy - Bacalan	Bordeaux	Gironde	Aquitaine	21-janv	1T2014	70	70	1			1					Sudouest 22 janvier
N19 et N406	Bonneuil-sur-Marne	Val-de-Marne	Ile-de-France	28-janv	1T2014	600	600	1			1			1		Le Parisien 28 janvier
Hôpital musulman	La Courneuve	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	29-janv	1T2014	20	20	1							1	Romeurope
34 rue Primat	Villeurbanne	Rhône	Rhône-Alpes	04-fév	1T2014	130	130	1							1	Rue89 Lyon 4 février
Route d'Eragry	Saint Ouen	Val d'Oise	Ile-de-France	06-fév	1T2014	30	30	1					1			Romeurope
Route de Caissargues	Nîmes	Gard	Languedoc-Roussillon	06-fév	1T2014	32	32	1						1		Midi Libre 7 février
Rue des écoles	Chavigny	Meurthe-et-Moselle	Lorraine	07-fév	1T2014	20			20	1						Est Républicain 7 février
Rue de Charigney	Besancon	Doubs	Franche-Comté	10-fév	1T2014	10			10	1						Est Républicain 11 février
Porte Aubervilliers n°1	Paris	Paris	Ile-de-France	12-fév	1T2014	40	40	1			1				1	LDH 12 février
Porte Aubervilliers Abeille	Paris	Paris	Ile-de-France	12-fév	1T2014	200	200	1							1	LDH 12 février
Coquetiers	Bobigny	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	12-fév	1T2014	50			50	1		1				Le Monde 12 février
Avenue Jean Mermoz	La Courneuve	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	13-fév	1T2014	200	200	1						1		MdM mission bidonvilles
D110	Limel-Brévannes	Val-de-Marne	Ile-de-France	13-fév	1T2014	100	100	1			1				1	Le Parisien 13 février
Av du Cap Pinède	Marseille	Bouches-du-Rhône	PACA	16-fév	1T2014	45			45	1					1	Metronews 16 février
Rue Marcel Paul	Le Blanc Mesnil	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	18-fév	1T2014	150	150	1						1		ERRC 20 février
Madraque ville	Marseille	Bouches-du-Rhône	PACA	19-fév	1T2014	50			50	1						La Provence 19 février
Vélodrome	Montigny-le Bretonneux	Yvelines	Ile-de-France	20-fév	1T2014	21	21	1				1			1	lesnouvelles.fr 20 février
Rue Pasteur	Wattignies	Nord	Nord-Pas-de-Calais	21-fév	1T2014	35	35	1							1	Romeurope
Av Jean Jaures	La Courneuve	Seine-St-Denis	Ile-de-France	26-fév	1T2014	30	30	1							1	ERRC 27 février
Rue de Bédarioux	Béziers	Hérault	Languedoc-Roussillon	03-mars	1T2014	12	12	1							1	midi Libre 4 mars
Boulevard Sampaix	St-Fons	Rhône	Rhône-Alpes	05-mars	1T2014	133	133	1			1				1	RTL 5 mars
entreprise Everite	Dammariens-lès-Lys	Seine-et-Marne	Ile-de-France	12-mars	1T2014	117	117	1							1	La République 12 mars
Porte des Poissonniers	Paris	Paris	Ile-de-France	13-mars	1T2014	111	111	1			1			1		Metronews 13 mars
Cité Descartes	Champs-sur-Mame	Seine-et-Marne	Ile-de-France	13-mars	1T2014	300	300	1			1			1		Le Parisien 13 mars
Route de Corbeil à Montgeron	Montgeron	Essonne	Ile-de-France	17-mars	1T2014	250			250	1					1	Le Républicain 17 mars
Gymnase Gérard Philippe	Fontaine	Isère	Rhône-Alpes	20-mars	1T2014	30			30	1		1				FR3 20 mars
Cité Descartes 2	Champs-sur-Mame	Seine-et-Marne	Ile-de-France	21-mars	1T2014	25	25	1							1	CS Val Maubuee
Rue du Colonne de Cateljau	Lons-le-Saunier	Jura	Franche-Comté	26-mars	1T2014	7	7	1			1			1		Le Progrès 27 mars
Av Cheldebien	Perpignan	Pyrénées-Orientales	Languedoc-Roussillon	26-mars	1T2014	14			14	1					1	FR3 27 mars
Rue Antoine Polotti	Grenoble	Isère	Rhône-Alpes	28-mars	1T2014	55			55	1					1	FR3 28 mars
Grand port maritime	Ambares	Gironde	Aquitaine	31-mars	1T2014	40	40	1							1	Sudouest 31 mars
1er trimestre 2014						3428	2904	27	524	9	0	17	3	22	1	

Appendix

1. Description of data used in the survey and definitions

Only the most reliable and precise sources are kept: they come from press articles and media, press releases, direct testimonies to ERRC or LDH or forwarded by other NGOs such as CNDH Romeurope.

The survey includes data on the name of the place, the city, the number of people evicted, the reason for the eviction, the housing solutions offered, the legal basis of the eviction and the source of the information in each case. The place evicted can be a settlement made of hand-built shacks or caravans, or a squatted building. The date mentioned is always the date of the forced eviction and the number of people comes from the sources.

Only information we could double-check is included in this survey