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"'I'M A PERSON, WHY LIKE THIS?' "

Date and time: May 11, 2019 06:00

Location: Tovarnik train station, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.157832361855085 , 19.144878387451172

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 1 person(s), age: 35 years old , from: Tunisia

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, pushing people to the ground, insulting, destruction of personal belongings

Police involved: 6 Croatian regular officers (5 with hood) , 1 police car

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

"M", a 35-year-old man from Tunisia, left , on his first game the 11th of May, from the train station in Šid (SRB) at around midnight. He walked about 20 kilometres, until he reached the train station in Tovarnik, Croatia. He was soon arrested at this location, at sometime between 5:00 and 6:00 am, by a group of six Croatian police officers dressed in municipal uniforms. The officers arrived in a vehicle, five of them were described as wearing a hood.

They asked in English where he was from that he said Tunisia. He said also that he had previously been living in Germany and asked for asylum. The police officers refused 'no, you are shit.'

The officers apprehended him and threw his bags and mobile phone away into a nearby river. They forced him onto the ground and hit him several times with a baton and kicked him.

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After being beaten by the police, "M" arrived back to Šid at around 12:00 a.m., after walking for six hours.

During "M" interaction with the interviewer, he had several marks on his face, and the long mark of a stick hit on his abdomen.