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**"THE MEN [...] WERE SURROUNDED BY THE BORDER POLICE AND BEATEN FOR SEVERAL MINUTES EACH, AFTER WHICH PUSHED TO THE SERBIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER."**

**Date and time:** October 9, 2017 03:00

**Location:** Croatia, Vrbanja

**Coordinates:** 45.150466 , 19.163716

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

**Demographics:** person(s), age: , from:

**Minors involved?** Unknown

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** 10 male police officers in Croatian police uniforms, 3 male police in border police uniforms

**Taken to a police station?:**

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:**

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

28 men walked from Sid Serbia across the border to Croatian side, and 15 of them (9 from Afghanistan and 6 from Bangladesh) got caught by 10 Croatian police near highway near Vrbanja, Croatia (45.044192,18.903777), on Monday 9th October about at 1.30 am. 2 police transported the 15 men with closed police van to the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik, Croatia, and Sid, Serbia, near train rails (45.150466,19.163716) about at 3 am, where 3 police in Croatian border police uniforms waited for them. One by one men were released out from the van, surrounded by the border police and beaten for several minutes each, after which pushed to Serbian side of the border. The beating implied hitting with fists and stick (long black with armrest) and kicking to all body parts. No property was confiscated. After the police had dealt with everybody, the men walked back to Sid Serbia. The men asked for asylum procedures in both places but the police denied them.

They were caught near to the highway at Vrbanja Croatia (45.044192,18.903777) on Monday 9th October about at 1.30 am, deportation on the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik (Croatia) and Sid (Serbia) near train rails (45.150466,19.163716) on Monday 9th October about at 3 am.