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## "SEVEN BORDER OFFICERS THEN KICKED EACH OF THEM AND TOLD THEM TO GO BACK TO SERBIA: "HAJDE GO SERBIA.""

**Date and time:** March 30, 2019 00:00

**Location:** Obrežje, Slovenia, Croatian/Slovenian border-crossing

**Coordinates:** 45.84605096179892 , 15.693626403808594

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Slovenia

**Demographics:** 6 person(s), age: 15, 17, 18, 18, 19, 25 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** kicking, insulting

**Police involved:** 4 Slovenian border officers, 1 Croatian police van, 7 Croatian border officers

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** fingerprints taken, no translator present, photos taken

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### ORIGINAL REPORT

The six friends from Afghanistan, 15, 17, 18 (2), 19 and 25 years old, stayed in the squat of Sid, on the old factory Grafosrem. When they left for the game on the March 28, 2019, it was already late evening. Once they arrived at the Batrovci border, they entered a Turkish truck, transporting sewing thread, which was parked just before the border. After two days driving through Croatia inside the truck, some biscuits being the only food to eat, four Slovenian border officers stopped the truck at the Slovenian side of the Obrežje border-crossing. When they opened the back, they found the six friends.

*"The policemen were tall and muscular."*

The police asked them to get off and brought them to the police station right at the border-crossing where they had to stay for two hours. Fingerprints were taken and a close-up photo of each of them. The six friends asked for asylum but

*"The officers said no".*

Then, two Croatian border officers came and put them in a police van. They were verbally aggressive, saying

"Hajde pičku materinu" (English: "Come on, go back to the vagina of your mother").

After a four to five hour drive, they ended up at the Batrovci border crossing. Seven border officers then kicked each of them and told them to go back to Serbia:

*"Hajde go Serbia".*

They started walking and, after a three to four hour walk, arrived back at the same squat of Sid they had left around two

days ago. The translator of the interview (a person on the move, also living in the squat) says about their condition:

*“When he come from Slovenia, he is very hungry.”*