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**Date and time:** October 1, 2018 00:00 **Location:** a hospital in Rijeka, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.3270631, 14.442176000000018

Push-back from: Croatia
Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 8 person(s), age: unknown, from: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Minors involved? Unknown

**Violence used:** reckless driving, interrupting medical care

Police involved: 5 Croatian male officers. Caught by two, deported by three of them

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Rigardu

## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The group of eight started from Bihac (BIH) on September 19, 2018, crossed the border to Croatia and continued towards Slovenia. When they were walking through the Croatian forests about 20 km from the Slovenian border, the respondent started to feel very sick. Hence, the other individuals called the police to help him and then went away, leaving him behind alone waiting for the police. They officers arrived soon and called an ambulance because of his serious health condition.

The respondent was taken to a hospital in Rijeka (HRV) and operated for an intestinal ulcer on September 21. The medical staff were very thoughtful. He was treated there for 12 days, until the end of the month. Then on October 1, even though the doctors told him that he would need to rest for a few days more, two officers came and picked him up to take him to some barracks.

He was locked in a van for a whole day, and during the following night the vehicle was driven by three other officers in a hazardous way, especially for someone who was supposed to rest. It was on the October 2, when the officers pushed him back with other seven people on the move around Poljana's area ( HRV ), next to Velika Kladusa ( BIH ) .