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“The two police officers told him to kneel and take out his shoes”

Date and time: March 13, 2019 00:00

Location: Maljevac

Coordinates: 45.203306, 15.793667

Demographics: 3 Algerians, all male, 23, 27, 31 years old

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating with stick, insulting

Police involved: 2 police officers, white IVECO van

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

What was the reaction to this intention?: Police officers replied: "No asylum. Go Bosnia"

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Original Report

The group left from Bihac on the 12th of March 2019 around 12:00pm to Izačić (12 km) walking. They arrived to Izačić and slept in the woods a pair of hours. Around 3:00am they walked into the village of Jazera (20km) where they arrived around 11:00am. They stopped in a bus station and two police officers came to them. The interviewee described them: “Black uniform, with hat and military boots”. They told them to enter in the car (White IVECO van). The interviewee said that they were in the back of the van in the darkness, the air conditioner was on (“it was very cold”) and they were changing the speed of the van constantly to make them fall and butt. After 30 minutes of driving they bring them to the Slunj police station. When they arrived to the Police station the officers were asking for his documentation: “Give me papers” While they were checking them papers they seek asylum so the police officer answers them: “No asylum. Go Bosnia” After they checked the documentation they took all his personal belongings: tobacco, lighters, money (250 EUR) and mobiles (one of them a Samsung A5 2017). Once they finished frisking them they were brought to a room where they stayed around 4 hours, without food and water (they did not ask for neither).

Around 18:00pm two police officers entered in the room and told them to follow. The interviewee describes them: “Black uniform, 1.90m height, man, hooded and both of them blue eyes” The group of three they were brought to the White IVECO van. They drive around 30 minutes, again with no light, the high air conditioner and changing the speed of the vehicle. The car stopped around 18:30pm and make them go down from the car one by one. The interviewee was the first to get off the van. He described the place as: “It was a forest and there was a river”. The two police officers told him to kneel and take out his shoes. He told them that he had a problem in the feet. They hit him so he took his shoes out and one of them cut their soles. They started to hit him with a stick in the feet and all around the body while they were shouting him:

“Fuck Algerian” “Go Bosnia” “Don’t come to Croatia”

After a while been kicked he could wake up and run away barefoot about 5km to arrive to Velika Kladusa.

