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"EACH PERSON WAS PLACED IN THE MIDDLE AND BEATEN BY SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS"

Date and time: July 4, 2017 11:30

Location: Tovarnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.1648822 , 19.152205800000047

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 9 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Algeria

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other)

Police involved: 7 policemen (Croatian border police)

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On July 4th. 2017, four Algerians, one under age Afghan and four Pakistanis were apprehended at 11.30am, at the Croatian border at Tovarnik. The 9 people were hiding in a train. There were seven police officers, all from the Croatian border police in blue uniforms. One of the police officers had a star on the shoulder and a "V" underneath it.

The 9 people where ordered in to a white van and were driven back to the border. The police officer was driving very fast and applied sudden breaks in order to shock the group of 9 people. The 9 people where taken out of the car one by one. Each person was placed in the middle and beaten by seven police officers. Some police officers were using batons, some used tree-branches and some used their fists. When people fell down from the beatings, the police officers would pull them up and continue the beating. The police officers only asked for nationalities.