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## **"FIRST THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS USED PEPPER SPRAY ON THEM, SO THAT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING. THEN THE MEN WERE BEATEN WITH FISTS, BATONS AND KICKING TO ALL PARTS OF THEIR BODY"**

**Date and time:** November 29, 2017 15:15

**Location:** Budapest, Hungary

**Coordinates:** 47.497912 , 19.040234999999994

**Push-back from:** Hungary

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 35 person(s), age: unknown , from: Pakistan, North Africa

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, dog attacks

**Police involved:** two Hungarian police officers with one police car, officers at the police station

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

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** photos taken, personal information taken, papers signed

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

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

On November 29th. 2017, 35 men from North Africa and Pakistan, who are between 19 and 50 years old and one minor (14 years), traveled by car from Serbia across the Hungarian border. They were caught by two Hungarian police officers with one police car on the same day, at about at 3.15pm near Budapest. The police ordered the driver to open the doors and show them the passengers. The police asked if the men spoke English. The men were afraid that the police would accuse them of illegal entry and expressed their intention to seek asylum. The police transported them to a police station in Budapest (the men didn't see where they drove), where they arrived at about 4.30pm. There several police officers interrogated the men, took pictures, wrote down their personal details and asked them to sign the papers. No fingerprints were taken, and no written documents were given to them.

The police declared that if the men want to apply for asylum they would get registered at closed camps and that the procedure last six months. The men asked for possibilities to stay at open camps and said that otherwise they did not want this. They explained their reasons for asking for asylum, huge political and economical problems and persecution in Pakistan made them want to flee. The interviewee showed them his injured leg and the police called a doctor to check this. The doctor was about to take the man to the hospital to treat the leg, but the police denied it.

Afterwards some of the officers violently attacked them, beating the men with fists for a few minutes. The police declared that the men would be deported back to Serbia. After about 2 hours at the police station, 2 Hungarian police officers transported the men in a big police bus to the Serbian border close to Subotica, between the border fences, where they arrived at around 7pm. The police searched their bodies and belongings. Afterwards another more severe violent attack occurred. The officers ordered the men to kneel down and put their hands behind their neck. First the two

police officers used pepper spray on them, so that they were not able to see anything. Then the men were beaten with fists, batons and kicking to all parts of their body. Because of the pepper spray the men could not see the involved officers. Then the police ordered two dogs to attack and scratch the men all over their bodies. In total this violent attack lasted for about half an hour. The police ordered them to go back to Serbia without coming back.