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Date and time: November 29, 2017 15:15

Location: Budapest

Coordinates: 47.497912 , 19.040234999999994

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

Demographics: person(s), age: , from:

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

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

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On 29th November 2017 35 men from North Africa and Pakistan who are between 19 and 50 years old, including one minor (14 years), traveled by car from Serbia across the Hungarian border and got caught by two Hungarian police officers with one police car the same day about at 3.15 pm near Budapest. The police ordered the driver to open the doors and show the passengers. The police asked if the men speak English. The men were afraid that the police accuses them for illegal entry and expressed their intention to seek for asylum, so the police transported them to some police station in Budapest (the men didn't see where they drove), where they arrived about 4.30 pm. 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, nor written documents given. The police announced that if the men want to apply for asylum they get registered at closed camps and the procedure lasts for six months. The men asked of possibilities to stay at open camps and said that otherwise they don't want. They explained the reasons asking for asylum: huge political and economical problems and persecution in Pakistan made them want to flee. The interviewed man showed his injured leg and the police called a doctor to check. The doctor was about to take the man to hospital to treat the leg, but the police denied it. After that some of the officers (older and bigger males) committed some violence, when they beat the men with fists for a few minutes. Then the police declared that the men will be deported back to Serbia. After about 2 h staying at the police station, 2 Hungarian police officers transported the men by a big police bus to the Serbian border close to Subotica between the border fences, where they arrived around 7 pm. The police checked their bodies and belongings and asked for property. Then the incident of harder violence occurred. The officers commanded the men to knee down and raise their hands behind their neck. First the two police officers used pepper spray so that they were not able to see anything. The men got beaten with fists and sticks and kicked to all body parts one by one. Because of the pepper spray the men could not see the involved officers. Then the police released two dogs to punch and scratch the

men all over their bodies. In total the violence took about half an hour. The police ordered them to go back to Serbia without coming back.