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"THE POLICE OFFICERS BEAT THEM FOR A FEW MINUTES"

Date and time: October 14, 2017 12:00

Location: Tovarnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.146975 , 19.165006

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: 23, 25, 16, 36 , from: Algeria

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, destruction of personal belongings, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: catchment: 4 male police officers in blue police uniforms, deportation: 9-10 male police officers in black uniforms, violence: 3-4 of these police officers

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

4 men walked across the Serbian-Croatian border and were caught by 4 police officers, on October 14th. in the morning. The police asked about their nationality and searched their baggage and belongings. One of the men (25 years) was ordered to take his clothes off, and his money (55 euros) was confiscated. Another person (16 years) had a phone, which the police destroyed. The men expressed their intention to seek asylum, but the police answered that this was not possible at this place, that they should go to Zagreb and that the asylum office there was closed at that time.

Next two police officers transported them to a deportation place on the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik, Croatia and Sid, Serbia, near the train rails. 9-10 police officers deported them to the Serbian side, at about 12am. 3-4 of the police officers beat them for a few minutes, using their hands and kicking two of the men (16 and 23 years old), in their head, back and neck. Afterwards the men walked back to Šid, Serbia.