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"THE OFFICERS BEAT THEM WITH HANDS, BATONS AND KICKING"

Date and time: January 9, 2018 22:30

Location: close to Kelebia, Hungary

Coordinates: 46.20465301338268 , 19.59495612636715

Push-back from: Hungary

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 10 person(s), age: 20-30 , from: Pakistan

Minors involved? Unknown

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

Police involved: Hungarian border police officers (12 male, 1 female, in blue uniforms), later 4 more young police officers, violence used by 2 of them (young males)

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On January 9th. in the evening, 10 men (8 from Pakistan, 2 from India, all about 20-30 years) walked from Kelebija in Serbia and across the Hungarian border. They were stopped by several Hungarian border police officers (12 male, 1 female, in blue uniforms), on the following night at about 10-11pm. in a forest near Kelebia, Hungary. The men expressed their intention to seek asylum, explained their living situation and plans for the future and pledged for appropriate treatment from the police.

The police officers didn't ask the men anything more, but called for 4 more police officers to join them. They searched their bodies and belongings, and checked to see if they had any money and mobile phones. The police took the good phones (two in total) and broke 5 other phones. They took pictures of them, but didn't write down their personal details, give any written documents or take any fingerprints. Then the men were taken to a police van, and 2 of the police officers (young males) violently attacked them, one by one when they entered the van. The officers beat them with hands, batons and kicking, on all parts of their bodies.

The interviewee was beaten in the face and directly to his eyes, so severely that his nose was bleeding afterwards and his eyes were bloody for two days, making it difficult for him to sleep on the following nights. After the incident the men were transported by van to the Serbian-Hungarian border between Kelebia, Hungary and Kelebija, Serbia. The men were ordered to go back to Serbia, so they returned to the Serbian side. The interviewee was proposed to consult a lawyer (the pictures taken by the police as proper proof of the incident), but he didn't consent.