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"3 OF THE POLICE OFFICERS BEAT ALL THREE MEN WITH STICKS"

Date and time: October 17, 2017 01:00

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.146975 , 19.165006

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 3 person(s), age: unknown , from: Algeria

Minors involved? No

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

Police involved: 6 male policemen involved in the illegal and violent push back, 3 of them used physical violence

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: fingerprints taken, photos taken, personal information taken

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

3 men walked from Sid, Serbia, across the border to the Croatian side and continued by train to Zagreb on October 16th. In Zagreb city, at about 3pm. they were caught by 6 police officers (4 male and 2 female in uniforms). The men expressed their intention to seek asylum, so the police called the police centre of Zagreb near the place, and they walked there. Five male and two female police officers did the registration of asylum procedures for them. They collected their identity details (name, nationality, date of birth) and took pictures and fingerprints. In addition, the baggage and other belongings was searched and confiscated. Only some of the stuff was given back afterwards, and memory and sim cards were taken from one of their phones.

The men were asked to wait in a cell for about 20 minutes, after which the police declared that they would be transported to the asylum centre, in order to proceed with the asylum application. No papers were given to the men. At about 6pm. the men were taken into a big police van, driven by two male police officers. Four other police officers followed them in two small police cars (all in uniforms). Instead of going to the asylum centre, the men were transported back to the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik Croatia and Sid Serbia, near the train rails, to be deported on the 17th. at about at 1-2am. For About 10 minutes, 3 of the police officers beat all three men with sticks (long thin black with a handrest), hitting them on all parts of their bodies. Next the men were forced to go to the Serbian side, and they walked back to Sid.