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"THE POLICE OFFICERS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE MEN WERE FROM PAKISTAN, THEY COULD NOT GET ASYLUM, AND THAT MUSLIMS WERE NOT WELCOME IN HUNGARY"

Date and time: February 14, 2018 00:00

Location: close to Kiszállás, Hungary

Coordinates: 46.252974212572475 , 19.56315330175778

Push-back from: Hungary

Push-back to: Serbia

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

Minors involved? No

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

Police involved: Hungarian police officers, Czech army personnel visited and told officers to stop violence

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

During the night of February 14th-15th 2018, 10 men (the interviewee from India, others from Pakistan, no minors involved) walked across the Serbian-Hungarian border near Subotica, Serbia. They continued walking throughout the night, within Hungarian territory and stayed in the woods until the following morning. Subsequently, a group of Hungarian police officers caught the men (close to Kiszállás). The police immediately started violently attacking the group, police officers beat them with their hands and stick and kicked the men for a while. Then a group of international army personnel (from Czech Republic) arrived to the place and told the police officers to stop the beating.

After the incident the officers let the men stay at the place for about 3-4 hours. The men expressed their intention to seek asylum. The police officers did not give much response, and they did not give the men the opportunity to register for asylum. Instead the police officers said that because the men were from Pakistan, they could not get asylum, and that Muslims were not welcome in Hungary. The officers wrote down their personal details and took pictures of the men, but they did not take their fingerprints or handed out any written documents. Afterwards, the men were transported to the Serbian-Hungarian border near Subotica to be deported.