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Date and time: October 14, 2017 12:00

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.146975, 19.165006

Push-back from: Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

**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?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

4 men, Algerian, Year of birth: 1992, 1994, 2001, 1980, Catchment about 10 km from the Serbian-Croatian border towards Zagreb (45.100440,19.009002) on Saturday 14th October morning, deportation on the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik (Croatia) and Sid (Serbia) near train rails (45.146975,19.165006) about at 12 am.

Men crossed the Serbian-Croatian border by walk and got caught by 4 police on 14th October morning. The police asked for the nationality of men and checked their baggage and property. One of the men (25 years) was commanded to take his clothes off, and his money (55 euros) was confiscated. Another one (16 years) had a phone, which was broken (the police bent it, smashed it to stone and broke its battery). The men expressed intention to seek asylum, but the police answered that it's not possible there and the men first should go to Zagreb, and that the asylum office there was closed that time. Next two police transported them to deportation place on the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik, Croatia, and Sid, Serbia, near train rails. Police (9-10) deported them to Serbian side on 14th about 12 am. 3-4 of the police shortly (duration: a few minutes) beat with hand and kicked two of the men (16 and 23 years old) on back of head, back and neck. After that the men walked back to Šid, Serbia.