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"THE INCIDENT HAPPENED WHEN THE MEN RAN BACK TO THE SERBIAN SIDE."

Date and time: October 31, 2017 23:00

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.147575 , 19.164551

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: 6 Croatian male police officers in blue uniforms and with black masks (only eyes seen)

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, 23, 35, 32, 20 years old, from Afghanistan

The men crossed the Serbian-Croatian border by walk from Šid and got caught by 6 Croatian male police in blue uniforms and with black masks (only eyes seen) about 20 km from the border inside Croatia on the 31th October evening 2017. The police asked the identity details, and the men said untruthfully that they're from Syria but correctly their ages. They examined the bodies and checked the baggage, and they confiscated phones of each of the men and all their money (400 euros). The men expressed the intention to seek for asylum, so the police called a translator, and let the men talk with him. The men expressed their way there and their need for asylum. In the end the translator talked with the police, after which the men were deported without registration to asylum procedures and without giving them any written documents. The men were transported by a big police van driven by two of the police, accompanied by small police car driven by four police, to the Serbian-Croatian border near the train rails between Tovarnik and Šid (45.147575,19.164551) where they were the same evening a few hours later about at 11 pm, and were where these same police committed the violence. The incident ceased when the men run back to Serbian side and walked back to Šid.

The men were treated one by one as they were released from the van, and between the treatment the police closed the door of the van. All the police beat the men with fists and stick (long thin black with armrest) and kicked them by legs to all body parts, also to the face.

The first three men were treated about the same for about 3-4 minutes each. The first man got beaten to both knee joints so that he got pain and swelling (see **Picture B**), and the police beat him to his face so that his tooth detached (didn't comply with taking pictures of face). The second man got injuries to his left leg and his clothes got ripped, and the third got pain to his back. The last man was treated the worst, for about 10 minutes, and he got pain and injuries in his face (see **Picture C**). He got bruises and wounds to his cheek, forehead and nose and underneath it. His tooth detached and lips swelled (see below **Picture D**), the downside of his tongue went to bruising (**see below Picture E**

) and upside got a cut (see below ***Picture F***). The police shouted “go back to Serbia”.