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"THEIR PHONES AND MONEY WAS TAKEN AND NEVER RETURNED"

Date and time: October 29, 2018 23:00

Location: Metlika, Slovenia, at a bridge at the Croatian-Slovenian border

Coordinates: 45.6349582 , 15.3228422

Push-back from: Slovenia

Push-back to: Croatia, Bosnia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: 24-29 , from: Syria

Minors involved? No

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

Police involved: 2 cars, six officers in uniform, two dogs

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Aid Brigade Sarajevo

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of four men started their journey in Velika Kladusa. They crossed the border to Croatia and walked for four days until they reached a bridge at the Slovenian border at night.

After crossing this bridge, the Slovenian officers stopped them and sent them back to the Croatian authorities.

The four of them were put in a Croatian prison, where they had to stay for one night. There, the officers beat them and then searched them twice. Their phones and money was taken and never returned. Throughout, the Croatian officers insulted them, laughed at them and told them to go back to their country. They also accused the four of them of smuggling, without providing any evidence.

The next day at 10 am, a van arrived and brought them back to the Bosnian border near Bihać. From there, they walked back Bihać camp.