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"THEY ASKED 'WHO CAN SPEAK ENGLISH?' AND BEAT THE ONES WHO CAN'T EVEN MORE."

Date and time: September 28, 2017 00:00

Location: Croatia, Županja

Coordinates: 45.108423 , 18.524511

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 6 male men in Croatian uniforms

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: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

11 men, 9 from Afghanistan, 2 from Pakistan, The man interviewed: 21 years, others inbetween 13 and 21 (several underaged)

About on 27th – 29th September at 12 pm – 2 am, duration in the first place about 2-3 minutes, in the second place about 30 min. They were caught about 70 km from Serbian-Croatian border around petrol station near Zupanja in Croatia (45.108423,18.524511). They were deported near Batrovci (Serbia), on the Croatian side of the border (about at location : 45.050407,19.098552), on the spot where Croatian border police monitors the border.

Men crossed the border by walk from Sid Serbia and got caught by 6 police in first place. The police asked for their nationality and first incidence of violence occurred. Then they transported the men to the border (to the deportation place) with one police van and two police cars, where they committed the second incident of violence. After that the men ran to Serbian side and walked back to Sid. There were 6 male police in uniforms in the first place and at the second location four police men committed the violence.

TYPE OF VIOLENCE USED:

The first incident of violence: beating with fists and kicking. The police kicked all the men. They asked “who can speak English” and beat the ones who can’t even more. The man interviewed asked for water without response from the police.

The second incident of violence: Hitting with stick (long black with handrest) and fists and kicking in all parts of body, electric shocks. The border police examined men with hands, checked the baggage and broke screens of phones with stick, no property was confiscated. 4 of the 6 police did the violence to all men, one by one when they were released from the van. Also the minors were treated the same way. Men expressed intention to seek asylum and explained their situation in Serbia, but the police told them: “no asylum, fuck it, go back to Serbia”.

INJURIES:

The police beat the right knee of the man interviewed badly. A few days later it started to hurt, so that he couldn't properly move his leg and had to walk with crutches.

EXPRESSION OF THE INTENTION TO ASK FOR ASYLUM :

All expressed the intention in English in both places, the police answered "no asylum, fuck it, go back to Serbia".