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"2 MINORS, WHO DECLARED THAT THEY WERE UNDER 18, WERE REGISTERED AS ADULTS AS THE HUNGARIAN POLICE CREATED FALSE DATES OF BIRTH FOR THEM."

Date and time: January 27, 2018 20:00

Location: Szederkeny, Hungary

Coordinates: 45.9791014 , 18.4658192

Push-back from: Hungary

Push-back to: Croatia

Demographics: 31 person(s), age: unknown , from: Pakistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: no violence used

Police involved: Hungarian border police officers (6 to 8) in blue uniforms with some patches at the arms

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, fingerprints taken, photos taken, personal information taken, papers signed

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: BelgrAid}

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of people crossed the border from Sombor into Croatia, by the river. They walked for 20 hours in Croatia and spent the night there. Once they crossed into Hungary, they walked for 7 – 8 hours. Nobody saw the police coming. They spent a day in the forest and were then spotted by a hunter who called the police. First, 2 police officers arrived, and then about 6-8 additional police officers in cars. They were taken to a police station, where 2 minors, who declared that they were under 18, were registered as adults as the Hungarian police created false dates of birth for them.

The police took their fingerprints, photos, and they spent one night in the police station, before being handed over to the Croatian police at the border. The Croatian police were 3 people with 3 vans. The Croatian police took them in combi-vans to another police station and they were kept there for around 5 hours. The Croatian police gave them their phones and money back, which had been taken by the Hungarian police. The Croatian police also took photos of them and did some paperwork, before pushing them back.

Each person in the group was forced to sign papers, that signed them over to the responsibility of the Croatian border police.