"THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE GOING TO ZAGREB TO ASK FOR ASYLUM, BUT THE POLICE BROUGHT THEM BACK TO THE SERBIAN BORDER"

Date and time: August 27, 2017 00:00

Location: Dobova, Slovenia

Coordinates: 45.8970349, 15.660114300000032

Push-back from: Slovenia, Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 3 person(s), age: 22, 23, 25, from: Algeria

Minors involved? No

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

Police involved: Equipped with truncheons

Taken to a police station?: yes

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

On August 27th. 2017, three people from Algeria (25, 23 and 22 years) were caught in Dobova, by the Croatian police. They called UNHCR, ask them for help and sent their geo localization. The interviewees believe that when UNHCR called the police officers, the police denied that they had caught them. The interviewees describes the police as 'a little bit violent', one of them was hit in the face. After 5 hours in a closed room at the police station, they were told that they were going to Zagreb to ask for asylum. But the police brought them back to the Serbian border, along with around 30 people (Afghans, Pakistanis and Algerians) who were all brought back at the same time. The police beat them when they came out of the van. The police officers had truncheons. Their phones were broken, and their money torn up. For one of the interviewees it was the 2nd. time he was pushed-back, another the 10th. time.