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"HIS CHILDREN WERE SCARED AND WERE CRYING"

Date and time: June 17, 2018 00:00

Location: Close to Radonja, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.29600792542612 , 15.740627431250005

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: 9-40 , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 2 Croatian border police officers

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewee left with his two children and two other adult males from Velika Kladusa around 5 pm. The whole group walked across the Croatian border and were in the hills in inner Croatian territory, when they were caught by 2 Croatian police officers. The man was trying to explain their situation to the police officers, that they only wanted to pass through the country to France, where his wife was waiting for them. He was also trying to explain to the police that he had an operation on his heart recently and felt weak, but the only response he received was the officers repeatedly shouting at them: "Shut up!".

His children were scared and were crying. The police has not asked any questions about whether the group wanted to apply for asylum, where they were from, and their reasons for entering Croatia. The police did not use any physical violence against any member of the group but stole 180 euros from the interviewee and mobile phones from all the adult men. He was trying to explain to the officers that he had all the information about his medical condition and treatment and personal documents saved in his phone, and asking the police to keep the phone for this reason, but the police did not return his phone. Afterwards, the whole group was deported to the Bosnian border, from where they walked back to Velika Kladusa where they arrived at around 3am.