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## **"THERE, ONE OF THE CROATIAN OFFICERS APPARENTLY RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND BEAT HIM [...]"**

**Date and time:** October 5, 2018 18:00

**Location:** Gorizia, Italy

**Coordinates:** 45.94161155686292 , 13.635085140747037

**Push-back from:** Italy

**Push-back to:** Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia

**Demographics:** 7 person(s), age: 17-30 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other)

**Police involved:** 2 Italian officers, 3 Slovenian officers and 5 Croatian officers

**Taken to a police station?:** unknown

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** fingerprints taken

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The group of seven left from Velika Kladusa (BIH) on October 1, 2018. They passed a gallery in the city centre of Gorizia (ITA), 200 meters away from the border. There, two officers stopped them. They did not release any documents and just told the group to go back to Slovenia or they would arrest them. They didn't let the individuals ask for asylum and also didn't use any physical violence.

The seven of them returned to Slovenia, but were detected there by the Slovenian authorities which had been informed by their Italian colleagues. The Slovenian authorities took them to a police center, though the respondent doesn't remember the city's name. There, the fingerprints of the seven individuals and four other people on the move were taken. As the Italian authorities, the Slovenian ones also didn't release any documents.

Afterwards, they were taken with a van to the Croatian border. There, one of the Croatian officers apparently recognized one of the individuals and beat him on his back and arms with a baton. He screamed as it was the third time he was stopped from passing the borders.

On the same day all of them were taken with another van to another police station, this time in Croatia, where they slept on the ground. The day after, they were pushed-back in a forest to Bosnia. It was 10 am, when they left them there next to Johovica (BIH).