"THE POLICE KICKED AND PUNCHED THEM WITH HANDS AND STICKS, ONE PERSON FELL AND WAS KICKED IN THE FACE BY THE POLICE OFFICERS"

Date and time: August 29, 2017 12:00

Location: Slovenian-Croatian border, Slovenia

Coordinates: 45.156484841594086, 19.09876083554684

Push-back from: Slovenia. Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 14 person(s), age: unknown, from: Morocco, Algeria

Minors involved? Yes

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

Police involved: Slovenian police, Croatian police

Taken to a police station?: yes

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

information taken, denial of food/water

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

On August 28th. 2017, a group of 14 Algerians and Moroccans, including at least one minor, were taken into custody by Slovenian police officers. They were kept in cells for 16 hours without receiving food or water. They were then handed over to the Croatian police. The interviewee asked for asylum in Croatia, after the police had taken fingerprints, photos and filled out documents. When he said that he was only 16 years old, the police accused him of lying. They were rejected without any explanation. The police took their phones and bags. They were brought to the Serbian border in a police van with 8 Croatian police officers. They opened the back doors and told them to run. While they got out of the van, police officers stood on both sides. The police kicked and punched them with hands and sticks. One person fell and was kicked in the face by the police officers.