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"NO ASYLUM HERE, JUST GO AND DON'T COME BACK. WE CAN NOT HELP YOU PEOPLE"

Date and time: September 26, 2018 08:00

Location: Imotski, Croatia, Autobusni kolodvor

Coordinates: 43.4465246 , 17.215997799999997

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 2 person(s), age: 27,33 , from: Algeria

Minors involved? No

Violence used: no violence used

Police involved: 2 cars, 6 officers, 5 men and 1 woman

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Aid Brigade Sarajevo

ORIGINAL REPORT

The two men started walking from Mostar (BIH), crossed the border by foot near Posušje (BIH) in the night and then arrived at Imotski (HRV). It was very cold while they were walking, and they encountered a lot of dogs on their way which they were scared of.

Once arrived in Imotski, they went to the bus station where they wanted to buy a ticket to Rijeka (HRV). However, the authorities were already at the bus station and asked them for their documents and IDs. Then, they searched them for drugs, but they had nothing on them. The two individuals asked the officers for help, explaining that they wanted to continue to Italy to seek asylum there. The officers answered:

"No asylum here, just go and don't come back. We can not help you people."

The respondent told one officer that it would be a big problem to return as the two of them might even die on the way due to the low temperatures. The officer replied:

"That's not my problem."

They again told them to walk back to Bosnia, which they finally did. On the way they slept for one night in an open garage in Posušje (BIH) and in the morning they hitchhiked back to Sarajevo.