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"DURING THEY WERE WALKING, ONE OF THE OFFICERS HIT ONE OF THEM WITH HIS FLASHLIGHT ON THE HEAD."

Date and time: February 24, 2019 23:30

Location: Maljevac, Croatia, around five kilometers inside Croatia, after crossing from Velika Kladusa

Coordinates: 45.19605567471912 , 15.796383789501988

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 2 person(s), age: 28-32 , from: Albania

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, pushing people to the ground, water immersion, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 6 officers in Croatian uniforms, 1 van

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The two men crossed the border to Croatia near V elika Kladusa . W hen they were around five kilometers far from Maljevac (HRV), they encountered two male officer s in C roatian uniforms . The two officers were running towards them with their flashlight s and the two individuals put their hands in the air. The officers told them to put their hands on each others shoulders an d to w alk down the mountain for around 150 meters until they reached the police car.

During they were walking, one of the officers hit one of them with his flashlight on the head. At the car, four other officers were waiting. As soon as the two of them arrived, the now six officers began to punch and kick them. They didn't hit their heads, but targeted their ribs in particular. One of them got three broken ribs after he had fallen to the ground and was being kicked on his body and head. Nobody talked to them, only the two people on the move begged them to end the violence:

"Please, please, stop!"

When they finally stopped, the officers checked their bags and documents. When they saw their passports, they continued to treat them harshly, however it seemed to be less violent. They were then taken to a van with ten other people on the move inside.

They were driven around ten minutes to a river and then told to cross it in order to reach Bosnia.

When they were already close to the riverbank, the officers hit them once more with their batons. The group was forced to wait in a row, and they were hit and forced into the river one-by-one. The river was around three or four meters wide and waist-deep and the respondent lost one shoe when he was crossing the river.

Also his phone was taken and never returned.