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"THREE OF THE POLICE MEN BEAT ALL THREE MEN WITH A STICK."

Date and time: October 17, 2017 01:00

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.146975 , 19.165006

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

Demographics: person(s), age: , from:

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: 6 male policemen involved in the illegal and violent push back, 3 of them used physical violence

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

3 men walked from Sid, Serbia, across the border to Croatian side and continued by train to Zagreb on 16 th October. In Zagreb city about at 3 pm they got caught by 6 police (4 male and 2 female in uniforms). The men expressed the intention to seek for asylum, so the police called the police centre of Zagreb near the place and they walked there (location a). Five male and two female police did the registration to asylum procedures for them – collected their identity details (name, nationality, date of birth) and took pictures and fingerprints. In addition, the baggage and other property was checked and confiscated. Only some of the stuff were given back afterwards, and memory and sim card were taken from the phone of the interviewed man. The men were asked to wait in a cell for about 20 minutes, after which the police came to say that they will be transported to the asylum centre for proceed the asylum application. No papers were given to the men. About at 6 pm the men went in big police van driven by two male police, and other four police followed with two small police cars (all in uniforms). Instead of asylum office, the men were transported back to Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik Croatia and Sid Serbia near train rails (location b) to be deported on 17 th about at 1-2 am at night. About 10 minutes, 3 of the police beat all three men with a stick (long thin black with a handrest) to all body parts. Next the men were forced to Serbian side and they walked back to Sid.

Locations:

Police caught them in Zagreb city on 16 th October about at 3 pm, detention in Zagreb police department between 3 and 6 pm, in a cell there for about 20 minutes, deportation on the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik Croatia and Sid Serbia near train rails (45.146975,19.165006) on 17 th about at 1-2 am at night.