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" WHEN THE MEN PASSED THROUGH BORDER FENCE, THEY GOT STROKE WITH ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM THE ELECTRIC WIRE. WHEN THE MEN TRIED TO ESCAPE THE DOGS THEY GOT INJURIES ON FEET AND SOME OF THEM FELL DOWN BREAKING LIMBS."

Date and time: November 24, 2017 08:00

Location: Serbia, Kelebija

Coordinates: 46.160317 , 19.5579

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Hungarian police with uniforms, catchment and police station: several police, deportation: several border police with blue uniforms and two Hungarian military persons with two police dogs with masks, other group of 12 people several border police

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

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ORIGINAL REPORT

36 men, 24 years old, 12 underaged (16-17 years), others about 20-30 years (2 groups of 12 people and two smaller groups), 33 from Pakistan, 3 from Somalia

On 15th-24th November 2017, 36 men walked from Sombor, Serbia, across the Serbian-Croatian border, through Croatian territory and across Croatian-Hungarian border, without water and food, before they got caught by several (10-20) Hungarian police on car road about 3-4 h walking distance from the border inside Hungary at morning on 24th about at 8 am. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, so the men were transported to police station nearby not even one hour car drive away. There several police asked them and wrote down their personal details (the police asked minors to falsify their age to be over 18), destination and the men expressed again their intention to seek for asylum. The police checked their bodies and belongings and asked for property. They checked their mobile phones and memory cards and confiscated some of them, also the money and other valuable items, for example some watches and rings. The police took pictures but not fingerprints, and the men didn't get any written documents. Then all the men were put into one small cell for about 12 hours. The men asked for food and water, but the police didn't provide anything to them. The police said that getting asylum is not possible in Hungary, only for underaged people, and denied that there would be minors. After the detention, the next night on 24th-25th, the men were divided to 4 smaller groups, which were transported to different places on the Serbian-Hungarian border. There Hungarian border police and in some places also army personnel deported the men to Serbian side, and the treatment varied between places. The 12 men group of the interviewed man was transported by police van for about 3-4 h drive, from about 4-5 am to about 7-9 am, to the Serbian-

Hungarian border near Kelebija, Serbia (46.160317, 19.557900), where several Hungarian border police and two Hungarian military persons deported them to Serbian side. The men were ordered to go back to Serbian side without coming back, so the men started to run away. At the same time the police opened the door of police van and released two police dogs with muzzles. The dogs chased the men, hit them with head to all body parts and scratched them. When the men passed through border fence, they got stroke with electric shock from the electric wire. When the men tried to escape the dogs they got injuries on feet and some of them fell down breaking limbs.

Injuries:

Interviewed person: broken left leg (falling while running, treated in MSF clinic afterwards), his older friend: broken left wrist/hand (falling while running, treated in MSF clinic afterwards), wounds on both hands (scratching of dog) and swollen right temple (hitting by dogs), his younger friend: wounds in left foot (running), the youngest friend: wounds in hand (strike with electric shock of electric wire)

Other group of 12 people: The border police beat the men. One of the men got severe injuries in his face, and was treated by MSF and in Subotica hospital (report from MSF, documents from hospital).