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## “Taliban, Taliban", Slovenian police said”

**Date and time:** March 17, 2019 21:00

**Location:** Croatia-Slovenia border, with mountains surrounding them. The border police station was in front of them.

**Coordinates:** 46.428376278520666 , 14.26660312118463

**Demographics:** 2 men from Afghanistan, 17 and 15 years old.

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** Beating with fists, kicking. Also insulting by calling them "talibans"

**Police involved:** 4 Slovenian border officers with Slovenian flag on the arm and one small white car. Unknown number of Croatian police officers in a grey car

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### Original Report

They were already deported between 16 and 17 times, sometimes from Croatia and sometimes from Slovenia or Serbia. This report is the first time that they were deported from Slovenia.

They are two brothers of 17 years old and 15 years old. They started the “game” at 9 pm the 17th of March. The smuggler opened the door of a truck with shears and then locked the door. They spent 3 days in the truck, without food and water.

They crossed the Croatian and Slovenian border. They were caught by the Slovenian police at the 20th of march at 5 am, inside the truck, when the truck passed through the scanner. When they were caught it was very dark (5 am) and they saw a mountain on the right and on the left side and the border police station in front of them. The police opened the door of the truck and then opened the fabric of the truck with a knife. In this moment, it was snowing. When Slovenian police caught them, they didn't beat them. The Slovenian border police was regular police, dressed in blue, no special force. They had the Slovenian flag on their arm. The police asked them if they can speak English, and T said no. He didn't know if they were speaking in Slovenian language because he didn't understand.

They both asked for asylum but the Slovenian police denied it. “Taliban, Taliban”, Slovenian police said. The Slovenian police took 5 pictures of both of them with two different cameras. The pictures were portraits holding a paper with their names: he didn't know what was written on the paper. They took the pictures in the truck. Then, they went out of the the truck and took more pictures. After that, they went to the border police station and the Slovenian police asked them the name, father name, nationality, and some other details and took more pictures of them. They had to sign a document which they did not understand. No fingerprints were taken. No translator present. No lawyer present.

They said that they had to go into a white car. The police drove them for 2 hours until they arrived to the border with Croatia, and changed the car to a grey one with Croatian police. The police took their phones and powerbanks at the police station of Slovenia and gave them back when they changed the car at the Croatia border.

Then, Croatian police drove them to the Serbian border and when they got out of the car, the Croatian police beat them. They kicked them and punched them in the back (A) and on the arms and chest (T).