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"THE TWO UNDERAGE ONES WERE THREATENED TO BE BEATEN IF THEY DIDN'T FALSIFY THEIR BIRTHDATE TO INDICATE THAT THEY WOULD BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD."

Date and time: November 14, 2017 16:00

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.149431 , 19.163021

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: catchment: 6 Croatian police, police station: several Croatian police, transportation to deportation and deportation: 4-6 Croatian police, all in blue uniforms, transportation in closed police van

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

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Afghanistan, male, 2 x 17 years and 2 x 18 years

The men walked from Šid Serbia across the Serbian-Croatian border towards the West for 10 days. Just before reaching Zagreb they stayed with one friend and asked him if they could get help with registration to asylum procedures from Zagreb UNHCR office. The friend warned them not to go there, because the place is surrounded by police. The men haven't had food or anything to drink for 3 days, so they asked some locals. They denied and threatened to beat them with stick and let their dogs to savage them if they wouldn't leave. Feeling insecure, the men tried to get to UNHCR office, but didn't manage before 6 police caught them on Tuesday 14th November 2017 about at 4 pm. They examined their bodies and belongings, asked for their documents and property, and broke the other of their phones. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, so the police transported them by closed police van (they couldn't see where they went) about 1-2 hours drive to police station of some Croatian town. There they confirmed their intention to asylum application, so they were one by one interrogated in separate room. The police again examined their bodies and belongings and asked for more property. The men had no money but the other, still untouched phone was confiscated. They were asked to fill their identity details in a form. The two underage ones were threatened to be beaten if they didn't falsify their birthdate to indicate that they would be over 18 years old (year 2001 and 2000 to 1999), and the police explained straightforwardly that only this is how they could deport them. The police took photos but not fingerprints. No registration to asylum application was done and no written documents were given to the men. The youngest man had pain in his leg, but the police threatened to beat him if he couldn't walk faster. After about 2 hours the police declared that their chief had decided that the men should be deported back to Serbia. 4-6 police transported them by a closed police van (the men didn't know where they drove) about one hour to deportation place to Serbian-Croatian

border near train rails between Tovarnik, Croatia and Sid, Serbia, where they arrived the next night on 14th about at 12 pm. The police in the van released the men outside and ordered them to “go back to Serbia“, so the men ran to Serbian side and travelled back to Sid Serbia.

verbal violence:

The police behaved very disrespectfully, yelled and cursed to the men (for example disgraced their family members), threatened to beat them if they didn't obey their orders (falsifying identity detail form, walking faster with broken leg) and accused them for lying.