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## "ONE OF THE BORDER-PATROL OFFICERS SHOT AT HIM THREE TIMES"

**Date and time:** June 16, 2018 23:00

**Location:** Near Donja Brusovača, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.216495992263994 , 15.72998442587891

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 24 person(s), age: 20-30 , from: Pakistan, Libya

**Minors involved?** No

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), gunshots, theft of personal belongings

**Police involved:** 2 Croatian army border officers (wearing army uniforms and equipped with sniper guns), 2 Croatian border police officers with a van

**Taken to a police station?:** unknown

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewee, and his two friends started walking from Velika Kladusa towards Zagreb through the hills and forests. When they were walking around 10km. from the Croatian border, they were detected by the Croatian army-border patrols equipped with sniper guns. He and his friends started running and the soldiers shouted at them to stop. When he was at a distance of around 300 meters away, one of the border-patrol officers shot at him three times. The interviewee explained that he could feel the bullets flying close to his head, so him and the other men stopped.

Afterwards, they were deported back to Bosnia by two police officers in a van, along with other 21 Pakistani men. The interviewee asked the police officers to claim asylum in Croatia, but he received a negative response from an officer, saying that there was no asylum in Croatia for him. The police officers took his phone and money. Later on, the other Pakistani men told him that they were also robbed by the police officers. When the police stopped at the Croatian-Bosnian border, all men were told to walk back to Bosnia. The interviewee asked the police officers if they could return their phones, but he got a negative response and was beaten.

*"When I asked the police to give us back our mobiles and money, he just said: 'Go, go, go!' and punched us by a metal stick and kept shouting 'Go, go, go!'," and kept punching us to go."*