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## **"THE POLICE BEAT THEM WITH FISTS AND PALMS, AND WERE HITTING THEM WITH STICKS"**

**Date and time:** October 11, 2017 05:00

**Location:** Tovarnik, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.15714 , 19.147172

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 5 person(s), age: 14-20 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

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

**Police involved:** 4 policemen, male, in Croatia border police uniforms

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

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

On October 11th. at about 5am. 5 people were deported at the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik and Sid, near the train rails on the Croatian side. The men crossed the border by train, in a container and were caught by 20 police officers, near Tovarnik. The police called for four additional border police officers, who transported the men in a police van, to the deportation place, where the police violently assaulted them. The police beat them with fists and palms, and were hitting them with sticks, on all parts of their bodies.

The police searched their bodies and their baggage. Their money and phones were confiscated. The men expressed their intention to seek asylum and explained their difficult situation at home and in their host countries, but the police answered "no asylum, go back to Serbia". Afterwards the police deported the men and they walked back to Šid.