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## **"HE CLEARLY EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO CLAIM ASYLUM IN SLOVENIA MULTIPLE TIMES, BUT THE POLICE REFUSED TO OPEN AN ASYLUM PROCEDURE"**

Date and time: July 8, 2018 12:00

Location: Slovenian village close to the Croatian border, Slovenia

Coordinates: 45.88569452892013 , 15.537986173391573

Push-back from: Slovenia, Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 1 person(s), age: unknown , from: Nigeria

Minors involved? No

Violence used: no violence used

Police involved: 3 and 1 dog

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, papers signed, no translator present

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

According to the interviewee, he and 9 other men walked from Velika Kladusa through Croatia, and from there crossed a river to Slovenia. When they reached Slovenian territory, they decided to split up and continue walking separately. The interviewee walked to a nearby town, from where he wanted to take a bus further on. But a local girl, around 16 years old, saw him and called the police (2018-07-08 12:00:00). Three police men arrived in a car with a dog and brought him to a local police station.

When the police caught the interviewee, he was trying to explain to them his situation, telling them that in his city in Nigeria there is too much killing and a bad life situation. He clearly expressed his intention to claim asylum in Slovenia multiple times, but the police refused to open an asylum procedure and responded that he was "over dramatic". When they reached a police station, the interviewee asked for legal aid, but the police refused to call a lawyer and shouted at him to stop speaking. The Police acted aggressively towards him and a police officer told him that if he continued asking for asylum, she would crashed something on his head.

He was forced to sign a document that he did not understand because it was written in the Slovenian language and he was not provided a translator. He was then placed in a detention cell with 9 other men, where there was a lack of oxygen so he had problems to breathe there. After one day, he was deported to Croatia, and from there to Bosnia.