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"IN SLOVENIA, ASYLUM IS CLOSED."

Date and time: September 13, 2018 03:00

Location: Slovenia, 10 km from Italy.

Coordinates: 45.560391 , 13.914747

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 5 Croatian border police officers, wearing black clothes.

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: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of 5 men were walking for ten days from Velika Kladuša, through Croatia and Slovenia. When they were in the inner Slovenian land, 10 km away from the Italian border, they were detected by the Slovenian police officers. The police took the men's power banks, chargers, money, and from few mobile phones. They told them that they would return their possessions back to them later, but they did not. After that, the men were transported by a van to a police station in Slovenia, where they were detained for 24 hours. In the police station, the men asked for asylum in Slovenia, but they got the response:

"In Slovenia, asylum is closed."

The next day, the group was transported by a small car from Slovenia to Croatia. They were handed over to the Croatian police in the Croatian land and then transported by a big van to the Croatian border police:

"The Croatian van was very big. There were no windows, it was a criminal car. The car was driving very fast, some people were vomiting. Sometimes, there was oxygen and sometimes it was closed. There were two fans. But this is very pressure."

Close to the Bosnian border, the men were once again moved from the van to another van of the Croatian border police, who was in charge of their deportation back to Bosnia. The van stopped close to Sturlic (Bosnia), and five border officers told the men to get off the van. Firstly, the police broke the men's phones using a pistol. Then, the police started to attack them physically:

“They [police] made a row. Three [officers] standing on the right site and others on the left site. They said to us two people to come out of the car and once they were out, they closed the car, and they were beating us while we were walking through that row. And after, another people. Beating with rubber stick. They were beating me to my back and front site. They don’t care where, they just beating ... they said to us: Do not come back, not come back!”

The interviewee has been stranded in Bosnia for four months and during this time, he has tried to reach Europe five times. But always got beaten, robbed, and deported back to Bosnia.