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## **"THEY TOLD THE MEN TO TAKE OFF ALL THEIR CLOTHES AND CHECKED THEIR BODIES AND BAGS AND ALSO MONEY AND MOBILE PHONES"**

**Date and time:** March 17, 2018 19:00

**Location:** Kelebia, Hungary

**Coordinates:** 46.175404 , 19.578257

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** Hungarian police officers, 7 men at catchment place, one of them showing a torch, and one dog (having a mask)

**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**

In the evening of Friday 16th March 2018 24 men (from Pakistan, 2-3 underaged and others older, interviewed one: 27 years old) walked from Sombor, Serbia across Hungarian border near Bački Breg and continued walking in Hungarian territory. They moved forward the following night, then stayed still the next day on Saturday 17th, and continued again in the evening. Then, about 7 pm on 17th they got stopped by Hungarian police officers (about 7 men, Hungarian border police uniforms), one of them showing a torch, and one dog (having a mask) in an open spot in "jungle" there in Hungarian territory (the interviewed didn't know the exact location). The officer pushed the dog to punch and scratch some of the men, but didn't commit other violence. The men expressed an intention to seek for asylum, but the officers didn't respond appropriately and shouted: "It's never gonna happen!" They told the men to take off all their clothes and checked their bodies and bags and also money and mobile phones. The clothes and belongings were given back to the men, and after about one hour at the place the group was transported with a big police van about one hour drive away, probably closer to the Serbian-Hungarian border (the interviewed couldn't see where they were driving), to a police control place with a large tent office. There inside the tent some Hungarian police officers (male, Hungarian border police uniforms) wrote down the names of the men and took pictures of them, and no more documents were made or fingerprints taken. The men were not asked to sign any papers and no documents were given to them. There were also some Hungarian army officers but no international police officers present. After about one hour at the place the men were taken in a big police van and driven to different spots right at the Serbian-Hungarian border in smaller groups, the group of the interviewed man about one hour drive, between Kelebia Hungary and Kelebija Serbia, where they arrived the following night between Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th. At these spots the police ordered the men to go back to Serbia, so the men returned to Serbian side.