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"THE POLICE MEN TOLD EVERYONE TO GET OFF THE CAR, STARTED SHOOTING IN THE AIR WITH THEIR GUNS AND SHOUTING AT THE PEOPLE: 'GO, GO BACK TO BOSNIA! NO ASYLUM FOR YOU. GO BACK TO BOSNIA!'"

Date and time: July 8, 2018 00:30

Location: Croatia, inner land

Coordinates: 45.194435 , 15.435626

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 7 Croatian police officers with a dog and a civil car, wearing army berets, large and tall

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

On 8th July 2018, a group of 10 people including one family with two minor children, all from Afghanistan, walked from Sturlic, Bosnia, to Croatia in order to cross the Croatian-Slovenian border. After 16 hours, the group was stopped by a civil car with 7 police officers. All of them had to lay on the ground with their faces down, including the children, were forced to stay like this for one hour, not allowed to speak. In the meantime, the police officers were checking their bags and clothes, searching for mobile phones and money. The police officers stole from everyone 100-200€ (around 1000€ in total) and their phones. One of the men asked one police officer to return his phone, but the officer refused and urinated into the man's pocket. The police men crashed the phones of those who tried to resist the robbery. 3 men tried to express their intention to ask for asylum in Croatia, but the men were told not to speak and were beaten with sticks on their arms, backs and legs. After one hour, a police chief arrived and all people were put together into a van without windows where they could hardly breathe. One of the men asked the police officers to open the window, but the officers refused, kicked the man on his legs and shouted at him to stop speaking. After two hours of waiting in the van, the whole group was pushed back to the Bosnian border. When they arrived, the police men told everyone to get off the car, started shooting in the air with their guns and shouting at the people: "Go, go back to Bosnia! No asylum for you. Go back to Bosnia!". Especially the children were scared and all of them were running till they could not hear the gun shooting any more and returned to Velika Kladusa to the camp. Three men (including two minors) were injured from the beating with sticks (see pictures). One minor had a bruised back, another man a fractured elbow, and the third man had his left foot injured. The men were treated in the hospital in Velika Kladusa, where a doctor confirmed fractured bones in the elbow of one man.