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"THEY GAVE HIM A DEPORTATION PAPER, GIVING HIM 30 DAYS TO LEAVE SERBIA AND A PROHIBITION OF ENTRANCE FOR ONE YEAR"

Date and time: January 17, 2018 03:30

Location: Tovarnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.1565 , 19.171649

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: Croatian border officers, Serbian police officers

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

17.01.2018 ; 3 :30 am

Near Croatian/Serbian border : Tovarnik (45.156500, 19.171649)

Two men from Afghanistan tried to cross the Serbo-Croatian border hidden in a truck. At the scanner checking on the Croatian side of a border crossing Sid – Tovarnik they were caught by the Croatian police. First the police took a picture of the two men while they were inside the truck.

The interviewed person declared that after his clothes were checked, the police didn't allow him to take his shoes back from the truck. He asked for asylum but the police told them "Go back to Serbia!". He was taken to a small room at a border crossing where the police asked for his personal datas, filling some forms. They didn't give him any papers.

After that they put him in a police van and turned on the cold air conditioner. He was kept in a van for 6 or 7 hours, from 4 a.m. to 11 a.m. Around 11 a.m. Croatian police transferred him directly to the Serbian border police. He was without shoes and like that Serbian police drove him to the police station in Sid. There the police asked again for his personal information.

He went to a court, where the judge asked him to pay a fine of 5000 dinar (50 euros) for an illegal border crossing. A fine he had already paid once in July last year. This time he didn't have enough money so he was sent to jail in Sremska Mitrovica (45.0267162,19.5535284) where he was kept for 5 days. They gave him a deportation paper, giving him 30 days to leave Serbia and a prohibition of entrance for one year. The other man who was with the interviewed person also went to jail for the same period of time.