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"IT WAS A LOT OF FIGHT, BLACK STICK, ELECTRONIC STICK, EVERYBODY STICKS."

Date and time: April 22, 2019 08:00

Location: Štitar, Croatia, 2-3 hours from Rastovica rest station, A3

Coordinates: 45.109241114641485 , 18.68697166442871

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 15 person(s), age: 14, 10, 4 - 18 , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, electric shock, destruction of personal belongings, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 1 normal Croatian police officer, 7 border/intervention police officers with dark blue uniform

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A 14-year-old boy and an around 20-year-old men went on game together with 13 other people from Afghanistan. Around ten of them were minors. The group started walking from the abandon factory Grafosrem in Sid late in the evening on April 19, 2019. Their plan was to reach a taxi.

After three days, on April 22 at 8 pm, they recognized a drone flying behind them. At that point, they were in a forest close to the highway A3, an around two to three hour walk from 'parking number three', Rastovica rest station.

10 minutes later, a group of eight Croatian officers arrived. One of them was a civilian officer, wearing a blue T-Shirt showing a 'small face' while the rest were dressed in dark blue uniforms, three of them had batons with them.

They asked everyone to sit down in one line and to put all their personal belongings, e.g. their phones, money, food, energy drinks in front of them.

The officers then took the belongings of the individuals, piece by piece, and threw them into the forest. In some cases, they only took the batteries out of the phones.

When they arrived at the 20-year-old respondent, they saw that his phone was in his pocket. They asked him to hand it over, which he did, and took out the battery. Then, they also wanted him to hand over his Monster energy drink. But when he gave his drink to the officer, a drop spilled on the officer's uniform. Immediately, the officers began to beat him with batons and kick him.

Then, they also beat other individuals, using batons and an electric taser.

"It was a lot of fight, black stick, electronic stick, everybody sticks."

The 20-year-old respondent precises, that everyone was silent.

"All people no speak. Speak? Fight!"

Finally, they put the whole group in a Croatian police van and brought them to the Batrovci border crossing. The driver was driving very harsh and some individuals got sick.

"Driver this side, this side."

When they arrived back in Sid, it was around midnight.