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“They asked for asylum but 'they [the police officers] said no'”

**Date and time:** March 30, 2019 00:00

**Location:** Obrežje Croatian/Slovenian border-crossing

**Coordinates:** 45.84605096179892 , 15.693626403808594

**Demographics:** 6 men from Afghanistan, 15, 17, 18, 18, 19, 25 years old

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** Insulting, kicking

**Police involved:** 4 Slovenian border officers, 1 Croatian police van, 7 Croatian border officers

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**What was the reaction to this intention?:** Fingerprints and photos taken / no documents given / no translator present / stay 2 hours on the police station / the border-officer said 'no'

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

## Original Report

They were 6 friends from 15, 17, 18 (2), 19 and 25, all are from Afghanistan. They stay in the squat of Sid, on the old factory Grafosrem. They went on game on the 28/03 late evening, walked until the Batrovci border, and entered into a Turkish truck, transporting sewing thread parked just before the border. They stayed 2 days inside the truck while it was driving through Croatia, with only some biscuits.

Then, 4 Slovenian border officers opened the truck and found the 6 friends. They were located at the scanner of Obrežje border-crossing / Slovenian side. The policemen were 'tall' and 'muscular'. They asked them to get out and brought them to the police station at the border-crossing. They stayed there for 2 hours. Fingerprints were taken and a close-up picture of each of them. They asked for asylum but “they said no”. Then, 2 Croatian border-officers came and put them in a police van. They were quite aggressive verbally, saying words in Croatian as “Hajde pičku materinu” (“come on, go back to the vagina on your mother” in English). After 4-5 hours driving, they ended up at Batrovci border-crossing. 7 border officers kicked each of them “one kick to this people” and told them to go back to Serbia “Hajde go Serbia”.

They came back to the squat of Sid after 3-4 hours walking. The translator of the interview (a refugee also living in the squat) precised that “when he come from Slovenia, he is very hungry.”