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"THE POLICE STOPPED IN A DARK PLACE AND STARTED BEATING THE 4 GUYS"

Date and time: November 19, 2018 23:00

Location: Ostarije, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.2136741 , 15.279088

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: 24-29 , from: Syria

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other)

Police involved: 4 officers, only one of them was dressed in uniform

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Aid Brigade Sarajevo

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of four men started walking from the camp in Bihać (BIH) on November 17, 2018, in an attempt to cross the border to Croatia. They walked for three days and crossed the Croatian border in a forest. At some point they wanted to cross the road D42 to continue to the Slovenian border.

They believe that someone saw them and called the police, because the officers were already waiting for them. They didn't explain what was going to happen to the four of them. Some people were watching when they had to enter police cars which would bring them back to the border near Bihać (BIH).

The respondent supposes that, because there were so many people watching at the spot of apprehension, the officers later stopped at a dark place and started beating the four in the head with their fists. When they were already laying on the ground, the officers kicked them in the head and ribs. Then they took their phones and €1000 from the respondent.

They left the four of them at the border, so the group had to walk back to the camp in Bihać (BIH).