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"THOSE TOOK THEM WITH A CAR WHERE THEY SAT CRAMPED AND HAD THEREFORE DIFFICULTIES TO BREATH"

Date and time: October 1, 2018 00:00

Location: a forest at the Slovenian-Croatian border near Rupa, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.48926092988004 , 14.278106689453125

Push-back from: Slovenia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 20 person(s), age: two families with seven children in total , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: destruction of personal belongings, sitting cramped resulting in difficulties to breath

Police involved: Slovenian officer caught the group and Croatian officers deported them, all in uniforms

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Aid Brigade Sarajevo

ORIGINAL REPORT

Some Slovenian officers detected the two families in a forest on the Slovenian side of the border with Croatia, close to Rupa (HRV). They arrested them, denying them their right to claim asylum. The officers made them undress and body-searched the men in front of all other members of the families, including the women and children.

Then, they were driven to the Croatian border and handed over to the Croatian authorities. Those took them with a car where they sat cramped and had therefore difficulties to breath.

The two families repeatedly asked the officers for asylum but were denied due to the reason that they had illegally entered the country. Additionally, their requests for water and food were denied. Then the officers drove them to the Bosnian border and dropped them off near Bihac (BIH).

When they arrived at the border, the officers broke all their phones and ordered them to walk back to Bosnia, threatening them to never return to Croatia again.