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"THE MEN STATED THAT THEY ARE SEEKING ASYLUM IN SERBIA AND SHOWED THEM THEIR ID CARDS FROM ADACEVCI CAMP, BUT THE POLICE DIDN'T BELIEVE THEM"

Date and time: October 12, 2017 03:00

Location: Vinkovci, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.300133 , 18.802516

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: 30, 25, 22, 20, 19, 18 , from: Pakistan

Minors involved? No

Violence used: no violence used

Police involved: 6 policemen during catchment, several in detention place, 10 policemen at deportation

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: photos taken, personal information taken

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

5 men walked from Adacevci Serbia across the Serbian-Croatian border to Vinkovci, Croatia and attempted to continue towards Zagreb in a train container. They were caught by 6 male police officers at Vinkovci train station, on October 12th. at 3 am, after which they were transported in a police van to Vinkovci police station. The men expressed their intention to seek asylum, in English. The police filled out forms with their identity details, one form per person, and took pictures of them. The men stated that they are seeking asylum in Serbia and showed them their ID cards from Adacevci camp, but the police didn't believe them.

No further procedures for seeking asylum took place. The police confiscated their backpacks and other property and put them in detention, in a cell for about 12 hours. The men got water to drink and were allowed to buy food. No physical or verbal violence occurred. On 12th about at 3 pm 10 male police transported them by police van to the border near train rails between Tovarnik Croatia and Šid Serbia where they were deported back to Serbia. They walked to Adacevci camp and were there about at 7 pm.