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"THE POLICE POINTED AT THE MEN WITH TORCHES AND SHOOT A FEW TIMES INTO THE AIR."

Date and time: November 10, 2017 04:00

Location: Croatia, Vinkovci

Coordinates: 45.218176, 18.78494

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

Demographics: person(s), age: , from:

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 5 Croatian policemen, all male in black uniforms

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

12 men from Afghanistan (15 years, others: 20-25 years old) walked across the Serbian-Croatian border from Šid, Serbia, about 60-70 km on the Croatian side towards Zagreb, before getting caught by 2 police on a bridge on Friday 10th November 2017 about at 4-5 am (45.218176, 18.784940). The police pointed at the men with torches and shoot a few times into the air. The police asked the men for their personal details, destination and they insisted to know who is the leader of the group. One of the men showed his identity card from Obrenovac camp. The men didn't express the intention to seek for asylum, because the police seemed very angry and behaved so disrespectfully that the men were afraid of becoming beaten up. The police checked their bodies and belongings and asked for phones, which they were throwing into the river (4 phones). After that they called for 3 more police to join, and they all forced the men to walk a bit further away (about 2 minutes walk), where they committed the incidence of violence. The men were ordered to kneel and look down and tell who is their leader. They kicked the men and hit them with hands and policeman's truncheon to all body parts, and if the men raised their hands the police hit them to the back of the head. All the men were treated the same.

After that 2 police transported the men with big police van to the deportation place on the Serbian-Croatian border to stone place (2 big stones) near 70 road and Batrovci Serbia (45.054571, 19.101284), where some Croatian border police were waiting for them. The police ordered the men to go to Serbia, but they didn't commit any violence. The men ran back to Serbia.