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"THE OTHER ALGERIAN EXPLAINED THAT THE CONDITIONS THEY'RE ARE LIVING IN SERBIA ARE UNBEARABLE AND THEY NEED TO GET TO CROATIA. AFTER THAT THE MEN WERE DEPORTED."

Date and time: October 27, 2017 05:30

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.14708 , 19.123352

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: Examination: several Croatian police in uniforms, interviewer of the Afghan: big male with reddish face, incidence of violence: two Croatian police in black border police uniforms

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

2 men from Algeria, 25 and 20 years old, walked from Šid across the Serbian-Croatian border and got caught by 12 Croatian male police in black border police uniforms near Tovarnik Croatia (about at location: 45.147080,19.123352) on night between Friday 27th and Saturday 28th October. One man from Afghanistan, 18 years old, crossed the border by train in container and got caught by several Croatian police (Croatian male police in black border police uniforms) near railway station of Tovarnik Croatia (about at location: 45.157027,19.144106) about the same time. All men expressed the intention to apply for asylum. One big white police van picked both groups up and transported them to Tovarnik police station (45.164118,19.154575). The duration of transportation of the first group was about 20 minutes. They all were at the police station on Saturday morning about at 5.30 am. At the police station the baggage and bodies of the men were examined by hands, and they were asked to give their property. The Afghan man showed his mobile phone and the police insisted him to show his money, and the man needed to convince the police that he didn't have any. The police interviewing him was big male with reddish face. The police said that if the man tries to come to Croatia once more and the police will catch him, his phone will be confiscated. Only one of the Algerians spoke with the police, the other doesn't speak English. Their identity details were asked and written down, but no pictures were taken. All men again expressed the intention to seek for asylum. The other Algerian explained that the conditions they're are living in Serbia are unbearable and they need to get to Croatia. After that the men were deported. They were transported by police van driven by two Croatian police in black border police uniforms to the border between Tovarnik, Croatia, and Šid, Serbia, next to the train rails outside the building where the Croatian border police controls the border, where the incident of violence occurred. The two police released the men from the car and treated them with violence one by one on a queue. The two Algerians were beaten with a stick to legs and back, and one police beat the Afghan by fist to his left cheek once.

The incident took a few minutes. Afterwards the men suffered from pain, but there were no severe injuries. After that the men were deported to Serbian side and they walked back to Šid (Serbia), where they arrived later on Saturday morning.