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"THE BORDER POLICE TOLD THEM TO STAND UP ONE BY ONE, AND PROCEEDED TO BEAT THEM ALL"

Date and time: April 14, 2018 02:00

Location: border crossing near Obrezje, Slovenia

Coordinates: 45.84525 , 15.694777799999997

Push-back from: Slovenia, Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 8 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? No

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

Police involved: Slovenian police found them and pushed them back to Croatia, where Croatian police deported them to the Serbo-Croatian border. There Croatian border police treated them violently.

Taken to a police station?: yes

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

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of 8 people from Afghanistan crossed from Serbia to Croatia, and proceeded to the Slovenian border. At the border crossing the Slovenian police found them in the trucks and arrested them.

They asked for asylum in Slovenia but the police responded that this was not possible. One police officer told them that if they had walked they could have been eligible to seek asylum. Furthermore the police told them that they didn't want them to enter into Europe. The group were hungry since they hadn't eaten for two days, and the police gave them food and water.

Afterwards the Slovenian police transferred them directly to the Croatian border police. The Croatian police took them to an unknown police station. They stayed there for 3 to 4 hours. They asked again for asylum in Croatia, but the police officer told them it was not impossible as the Croatian government '*closed the stay*'. The police took their personal information but didn't give them any papers.

The police drove them to the Serbian border, near Tovarnik – Sid. The police that drove them to the border left around 1pm. and left them with the Croatian border police. The border police told them to stand up one by one, and proceeded to beat them all. As the interviewee tried to talk with the police, asking them why they were beating them, one police officer stood on his feet and beat him hard with a stick. The police told them that they had to go back to Serbia and never again try to come back to Croatia. The police pushed them back to Serbia.

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