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"THEY ORDERED THE MEN TO KNEEL DOWN AND THEN STARTED TO BEAT THEM"

Date and time: December 26, 2017 23:00

Location: Near Horgoš, Hungary

Coordinates: 46.184002303391836 , 19.95229680898433

Push-back from: Hungary

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 10 person(s), age: unknown , from: Pakistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, dog attacks

Police involved: 7-8 Hungarian border police officers (male, in uniforms) with two dogs with masks, 4 police cars, German police officers passed by

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On December 26th. 2017, 10 men from Pakistan, including four minors, walked from Serbia across the Hungarian border. They were caught by 7-8 Hungarian border-police officers (male, in uniforms) wearing masks, with two dogs and 4 police cars, in a forrest near the border near Horgoš, within Hungarian territory.

The police officers wrote down their personal details, and the men expressed their intention to seek asylum. As a reply one officer shouted: "This is not Pakistan, this is Hungary, this is not your home!" They ordered the men to kneel down and then started to beat them for about half an hour in total. The officers beat them with hands and sticks, and kicked them with hardened shoes to all parts of their bodies. Two young officers beat the interviewee (a minor) severely. They kicked him with hardened shoes and hit him with stick on his back. The police officers further ordered their dogs to attack and scratch the men.

Some German police officers passed by the place during this violent attack, and during their visit the Hungarian police stopped the beating. Afterwards they searched their bodies and belongings. They checked their money and mobile phones. No pictures or fingerprints were taken, and no written documents were given to the men. The men stayed at the place for a bit longer than half an hour. Afterwards, at about 12pm., they were transported to the Serbian-Hungarian border, where the police ordered the men to go back to Serbia. The men returned to the Serbian side. When the interviewee arrived in Subotica he consulted the field doctors for his back pain. He suffered huge pain for weeks. The field doctors gave him a supporting corset and medicine (medical report from the clinic as a possible proof of the incident).