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"THE OFFICERS KICKED THE INTERVIEWED MAN TO RIGHT SIDE OF HIS CHEST. HE HAD SEVERE PAIN THERE AFTERWARDS, SO HE NEEDED TO CONSULT A FIELD DOCTOR THE NEXT DAY --. THE CHEST PAIN CONTINUED LONGER, SO HE NEEDED TO CONSULT DOCTOR AGAIN AND GO TO A HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT --. SOME RIBS WERE BROKEN AND NEEDED WEEKS TO HEAL."

Date and time: August 1, 2017 22:00

Location: close to Bácsszentgyörgy, Hungary

Coordinates: 45.96864140801111 , 19.034651804199257

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Caught and violated by Hungarian border police officers (10-15 men, in blue uniforms) with dogs (one with, the others without muzzle); in addition army officers and international officers (more than 6, in police uniforms, there's an assumption that they were speaking German or Italian), photos taken by officials in civil suits

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

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ORIGINAL REPORT

On 1st August 2017 in the evening 16-17 men (5 from Afghanistan and others from Pakistan, 7 underaged about 14-15 years, interviewed one 32, most of the others about 20-30 years, some older) walked from Sombor Serbia across the Serbian-Hungarian border between Rastina Serbia and Bácsszentgyörgy Hungary and continued about 15 min inside Hungarian territory before getting caught there by some Hungarian police officers about at 10 pm. The police asked the men to sit down, and after a few minutes more of them arrived, so that in total there was about 10-15 Hungarian police officers (all male, in uniforms) with some police dogs.

The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, and the officers replied that the border is closed and it's not possible to seek for asylum in Hungary. The officers didn't ask or write down anything or take any fingerprints of the men. They acted roughly and started to treat all the men with physical violence. They released their dogs (about 4 police dogs, one with and others without muffle), and pushed them to attack the men, i.e. punch and scratch the men to all body parts, for about 15-45 min. The legs and hands of the men were full of bleeding wounds and scratches afterwards, and they were crying and shouting from pain. The man interviewed got a 4 cm long wound to his right hand palm, so he needed to consult a field doctor the next day for examination and treatment (he received a medical document of that).

After that, when the men tried to defend themselves, the officers started to kick them also. The officers kicked the interviewed man to right side of his chest. He had severe pain there afterwards, so he needed to consult a field doctor the next day for examination and treatment (he received a medical document of that). The chest pain continued longer, so he needed to consult doctor again and go to a hospital for examinations and treatment (also X-rays taken, he received a medical document of that). Some ribs were broken and needed weeks to heal. That's why he couldn't try to cross the border for a long time.

Next the officers checked up the bodies and belonging of the men and asked for property. They looked through their mobile phone files and wrote down the names of the owners and numbers of their sim cards. Then the officers either broke or threw away better phones (4 phones in total) and gave the worse ones back to the owners. They took shoes from some of the men, for example from the man interviewed.

Once in a while international police officers (more than 6, in police uniforms, there's an assumption that they were speaking German or Italian) visited the place, and at this time the Hungarian officers interrupted mistreating the men and behaved properly. These officers interrogated the men and properly ordered them to return back to Serbia and politely recommended them to go another way in the future. Also some Hungarian army personnel were present.

The Hungarian officials called for some officials in civil suites to come by a civil car to take pictures of each of the men. In the end the police officials used pepper spray to the eyes of the men, so that they felt irritation and couldn't see for a while. After for about 1-2 h at the place the police announced to deport the men, and they were transported directly to the border nearby. There the police ordered the men to go back to Serbia, so the men returned to Serbian side.