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## "THE MEN WERE KEPT ALMOST 24 HOURS IN A CELL, WITHOUT GETTING ANY WATER OR FOOD"

**Date and time:** November 6, 2017 20:00

**Location:** Near Tovarnik, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.149431 , 19.163021

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 12 person(s), age: 13-23 , from: Afghanistan, Bangladesh

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** theft of personal belongings

**Police involved:** catchment: about 20 Croatian male police in blue uniforms, police station: several Croatian police, deportation: 8-9 Croatian police, 2 in blue uniforms and others in civil

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** detention, personal information taken, denial of food/water

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of 12 people walked from Šid, Serbia across the Serbian-Croatian border, towards Zagreb. They walked for three days and then continued by car for two hours. They were caught by several (about 20) Croatian police officers in blue uniforms, in the area around Zagreb, Croatia, on November 6th at about 8pm. The group of people were asked to come out of the car, and the car drove away. They were transported to a police station in Zagreb, the journey took about 30 minutes.

They asked for asylum, and the police collected their personal details but didn't take any photos or fingerprints. The interviewee showed them his card from Principa camp. Afterwards the men were kept almost 24 hours in a cell, without getting any water or food. On Tuesday evening two police officers came to transport them, in a big police van, to a deportation spot at the border between Tovarnik, Croatia, and Šid, Serbia, next to the train rails, where they arrived at about 7pm. 8-9 border police officers were waiting for them at the border. The police searched their bodies and belongings, and confiscated several phones and chargers. The men once again asked for asylum, but the police denied it. The men were ordered to "go back to Serbia", so the men walked back to Šid, Serbia.