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"THE POLICE SAID 'FUCK YOU GO TO SERBIA, NEXT TIME WE KILL YOU'"

Date and time: October 7, 2017 17:00

Location: Ilača, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.159272 , 19.070247

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: 21, 27, 37, 31, 22 , from: Morocco, Tunisia

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 5 police officers, about 20-30 years, male, in Croatian border police uniforms

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

On Saturday October 7th. 2017, 5 men were deported at the Serbian-Croatian border near Tovarnik, Croatia. The men walked from Sid, Serbia across the border and for about 20km. into Croatian territory, before being caught at about 4-5pm, by 6-7 male police officers. The police officers asked for their passports and nationality, and called for one female police officer to transport them in a police van to Tovarnik. 5 police officers continued the transport from Tovarnik to the deportation place on the Croatian side, where the main incident of violence occurred.

All the men were beaten one by one by the police officers. One police officer held each person, while other officers beat the person. All men were beaten, and all of them sustained injuries as a result of the beating. The police hit them with thick sticks with handles, on all parts of their body. On the Croatian side the police searched them and checked their baggage, one bag was confiscated. The police said "fuck you go to Serbia, next time we kill you".

After that men fled a few hundred meters to the Serbian side and stopped to rest (the injuries made journey difficult). The same police officers noticed that they had stopped, followed them and continued beating them. The men ran away and walked back to Sid. There were 5 police officers, about 20-30 years, male, in Croatian border police uniforms.