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Date and time: September 13, 2018 00:00

Location: Horgos border crossing, Serbian-Hungarian border

Coordinates: 46.17905246667683 , 19.98332367477485

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: Hungarian police officers, caught by 1 female and 3 male in blue and green uniforms, physical violence by one male in green uniform, deportation by other officers

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

The group of 4 tried to cross from Serbia to Hungary at the highway border crossing near Horgos. They hid in the back of a truck which was waiting in line to cross. After about 3 hours the truck drove into the scanner, and police officers detected the men. The officers (1 female and 3 male in blue and green uniforms) opened the back of the truck and saw the men in there. One officer in blue uniform (standing on ground) hit the interviewed man with a big piece of iron 2-3 times against his lower leg, so that it started to bleed and was in pain (see images). Then the police officers took pictures of the men and took them to a police station.

The men were kept there for 3-4 hours. The officers at the police station threatened and punished the men, for example made them hold up their hands some time. Then the police said they will deport the men back to Serbia, put them into a van and drove it about 10 km along the border fence. There were 2 more police cars. The police took again pictures of the men and threatened and punished the men further the same way ("again hands up").

The officers there also showed the men a paper saying that if any police used violence the men could take it into court. The man showed his injury and told the officers about the violence, but the police only laughed about it. The man also asked for medicine for his pain and for water to drink but the police didn't give him anything. There

was written in the paper also that applying for asylum in Hungary is possible in asylum center. The man interviewed expressed his intention to apply for asylum and asked for permission to go to the asylum center, but the police only laughed about it also and didn't comply with his request. After the incident the officers deported the group back to Serbia.

The interviewed man was afraid of getting in trouble with the police if they found out that he reported the violence, and thus didn't give his name.