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"THE MEN EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO ASK FOR ASYLUM, BUT THE OFFICERS SHOUTED: "IT'S NEVER GONNA HAPPEN!"

Date and time: March 17, 2018 00:00

Location: Border near Bački Breg

Coordinates: 45.9166015 , 18.96732410000004

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Hungarian police

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

In the evening on Friday 16th March 2018 24 men (from Pakistan, 2-3 underaged and others older, interviewed one 27 years) walked from Sombor, Serbia across Hungarian border near Bački Breg, Serbia (Place 1) and continued walking in Hungarian territory. They moved the following night, then stayed still the next day on Saturday 17th, and continued again in the evening. Then, about 7 pm on 17th they got stopped by Hungarian police officers (about 7 men, Hungarian border police uniforms), one of them showing a torch, and one dog (having a mask) in an open spot in "jungle" there in Hungarian territory (the interviewed didn't know the exact location). The officer pushed the dog to attack some of the men, but didn't commit other violence. The men expressed the intention to seek for asylum, but the officers didn't respond appropriately and shouted: "It's never gonna happen!" They told the men to take all their clothes off and checked their bodies and bags and also money and mobile phones. The clothes and belongings were given back to the men, and after about one hour at the place the group was transported with a big police van about one hour drive away, probably closer to the Serbian-Hungarian border (the interviewed couldn't see where they were driving), to a police control place with a large tent office. There inside the tent some Hungarian police officers (male, Hungarian border police uniforms) wrote down the names of the men and took pictures of them, and no more documents were made or fingerprints taken. The men were not asked to sign in any papers and no documents were given to them. There were also some Hungarian army officers but no international police officers present. After about one hour at the place the men were put in a big police van and driven to and left in smaller groups at different spots right at the Serbian-Hungarian border, the group of the man interviewed about one hour drive, between Kelebia Hungary and Kelebija Serbia (Place 2), where they were the following night between Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th. At these spots the police ordered the men to go back to Serbia, so the men returned to Serbian side.