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"THE RESPONDENT HAD PAID A TAXI FROM BELGRADE TO ARRIVE DIRECTLY TO ITALY [...]"

Date and time: September 10, 2018 08:00

Location: close to Kocevje, Slovenia

Coordinates: 45.6409009 , 14.863312800000017

Push-back from: Slovenia

Push-back to: Croatia, Bosnia

Demographics: 7 person(s), age: 24-53 , from: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), insulting

Police involved: Some Slovenian and Croatian male officers

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, fingerprints taken

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

The respondent had paid a taxi from Belgrade to arrive directly to Italy, but after he crossed the Croatian-Slovenian border, the driver left him on the way, and he didn't know where he was. There, he met another individual who asked him to join a small group of six he had never seen before.

The group of then seven was walking during the night, somewhere close to Kocevje (SLN), when suddenly some officers, probably Slovenian ones, stopped them in a forest. After 30 minutes, some other officers brought a lot of people on the move they had previously arrested to the same spot that now looked like a meeting point. All of them were then taken to a police station to be registered and to give their fingerprints. No documents were given to them.

After that, the group of seven was taken to the Slovenian-Croatian border with a van where they were handed over to some Croatian officers with another van. The seven individuals were cramped into a container next to a Croatian police station for the rest of the night. They couldn't see the name of the place where they were.

On the next morning, the officers put them in a van again. Two of the individuals expressed how they didn't want to be taken back to Bosnia again, and as an answer, the officers beat them with a baton.

Then they pushed them back to Bosnian, more or less 20 km from Bihac (BIH), next to Lohkovo.