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"WHEN THE BLOOD STARTED TO FLOW FROM HIS MOUTH ONE POLICE OFFICER COMMENTED THAT THE KETCHUP WAS COMING"

Date and time: April 19, 2018 12:00

Location: Croatia, near Serbo-Croatian border crossing of Bartrovci-Bajakovo

Coordinates: 45.04623710158407 , 19.097122343997626

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: 16-30 , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

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

Police involved: 5 police officers and 11 men without uniform ("Private police officers") with 10 vehicles

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of 5 people from Afghanistan (including two minors) were caught by the Croatian police on the Croatian side near the border crossing of Batrovci – Bajakovo.

There were 11 men in civil ("private police officers") and 5 police officers in 10 vehicles. They asked for an asylum but the police didn't give them any response.

When the police officers took them closer to the border they started to beat the men (see *Pictures*). The three "private police officers" beat them more in front of the official police for approximately 20 minutes. The interviewed person was beaten hard by the police and multiple times : in his head, in his both legs, leaving his body in pain. When the blood started to flow from his mouth one police officer commented that the ketchup was coming from his mouth. Two times, a police officer beat the interviewed person with a stick while the "private police officers" were also beating all the others from the group. They were beaten especially by one "private police officer", called by his own "T he Boxer". When he started to beat he said "Now you will see my boxing" as he was wearing knuckle dusters.

The police checked all their mobile phones and later on broke them and stole the money they had (ex. 20 euros from the interviewed person). Afterwards they were pushed back to Batrovci while saying to them to not to try to cross the border again, and that the EU was paying them a lot of money to protect the border. More over the interviewed person told to the police that he would denounce to UNHCR what occurred that day. The police answered that there was no problem in doing this. While doing the push back police said to them "No try again or I kill you!". The pushed back group commented that the police beat them as same as Taliban.