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"A. KEPT ON INSISTING THAT HE WANTS TO ASK FOR ASYLUM. ANYWAY THE CROATIAN POLICE DEPORTED HIM BACK TO SERBIA FROM ZAGREB."

Date and time: August 30, 2017 00:00

Location: Croatia, UNHCR Office in Zagreb

Coordinates: 45.8150108 , 15.981918899999982

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: 5 Croatian police

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The exact date of this incident from August 2017 is unknown.

He left Pakistan in August 2016 passed Iran and Turkey. Ahmed tried 4 times to cross the border from Turkey to Bulgaria. At the first 3 tries he got caught by the Bulgarian Police. They chased him with police dogs and beat him and treated him very bad before taking him back to Turkey. At the 4th try he made it to Bulgaria. In Bulgaria the police brought him to Busmantsi, a detention camp in Bulgaria. He was not allowed to leave the building for 4 months. A. got often beaten by the guards in the camp. For example when he asked for a doctor, the guards refused it and beat him. After the 4 months in the closed camp, Bulgarian officials brought him to an open camp : there he got treated better. He made it to Serbia at the first try.

He has tried approximately 10-15 times to cross the border from Serbia to Croatia until now and got always deported back to Serbia. During the tries the Croatian Police broke his phone with a stick. One time he almost reached the UNHCR-office in Zagreb, but the Croatian police just caught him directly in front of the building. A. explained the police that he is a refugee and that he wants to ask for asylum. Although he insisted in his right of asking for asylum the police took him to a police station. There the policemen took him into a closed room. A. kept on insisting that he wants to ask for asylum. Anyway the Croatian police deported him back to Serbia from Zagreb. In the car were 4 refugees and 2 policemen. When he was released at the Serbian border, 4 refugees 2 police cars and 5 policemen were there in total. A. got not beaten, but his mobile phone was broken by the Croatian police with a stick.

Another report from the same person:

He was pushed back from Zagreb while going to register in the UNHCR office, in the last week of August, with another person. Walking towards the door the police stopped them and asked for documents. He declared he was a refugee and

that he wanted to go to the UNHCR office. The police told him « You stop here », and called more colleagues, and he was brought at the police station. He asked many times for asylum, the answer was always « No ». He said at the police station inside a closed room, the police telling him he was going to « the foreign hotel ». He was deported back to Serbia : the police beaten him, broke his mobile. He declares he was deported 5 times in one week.