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## "AGAIN, THE HUNGARIAN POLICE OFFICERS WERE VIOLENT"

**Date and time:** January 13, 2018 03:00

**Location:** Hungaria, close to Kelebija at Serbo-Hungarian border

**Coordinates:** 46.17012460346225 , 19.55673285627313

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** No

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** Some Hungarian police officers with uniform and dogs

**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:** Rigardu

### ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewed man (27 years, from Pakistan) has experienced five pushbacks from Serbian-Hungarian border during the year 2017 and 2018. He and his friends always crossed the Serbian-Hungarian border by walk, and tried to continue further into Hungarian territory either by walk or by taxi car before getting caught by Hungarian police officers. The men always expressed their intention to apply for asylum, but the officers (men in uniform) mistreated them: the officers deported the men back to Serbia without any registration to asylum procedures. At some pushbacks the police also committed violence (the first and fifth time) and put the men to detention at police station (the second and fourth time). The incidences occurred always during night, and the deportation took place at the Serbian-Hungarian border near the catchment places. The first and second time the men, the first time in a group of 10 (male, no underage, 9 from Pakistan and 1 from Iran) and second time in a group of 12 (male, no underage, mostly from Pakistan), went near Backi Breg Serbia (location a) and managed to continue only a short distance inside Hungarian territory, the first time by walk and the second time by taxi on road number 51 (location b), before getting caught by Hungarian police officers near there. The first time the officers treated the men with violence: first they sprayed the eyes of the men with pepper spray and then beat all the men with hands and stick to all body parts, for few punches per each of the men. They also pushed their police dogs to attack the men, i.e. punch and scratch them to all body parts. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, and the officers collected their identity details and took pictures of them, but after about 3 hours at the place deported the men back to Serbia. The second time the officers accused the men for illegal border crossing and the car driver for smuggling, and the men expressed their intention to apply for asylum and the car driver defended his actions. Next they all were transported to police station at Gara Hungary (location c), where several Hungarian police officers interrogated the men totally: the officers wrote down the personal details of the men, checked their Serbian camp cards and took pictures of them, but didn't take their fingerprints. Next the officers put the men to detention for several hours. After about 12 hours at the police station the officers gave the men some written documents and transported the men to the Serbian-Hungarian border, where they ordered the men to go back to Serbia. The third time the men crossed the border near Ridijica Serbia (location d) in a group of 9 men (no underage, from Pakistan). 6 of the men were lost and only 3 of them managed to continue by walk a bit farther inside Hungarian territory to reach the road

number 55 (location e), were they waited taxi car for 5 days before getting caught by Hungarian police officers. The men expressed their intention to apply for asylum, but the officers only collected their identity details and took pictures of them and then deported them back to Serbia. The fourth time the men went in a group of 4 (male, no underage, from Pakistan) near Tavankut Serbia (location f) and managed to walk a longer distance near Baja Hungary (location g) were they got stopped by Hungarian police officers. Again, the officers accused the men for illegal border crossing and the men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, so they were transported to police station at Kecel Hungary (location h), where they were interrogated the same way as the second time. The officers put the men in detention for some hours, after which they gave the men some written documents and transported the men to the Serbian-Hungarian border, where they ordered the men to go back to Serbia. The fifth pushback occurred at night on 12-13th January 2018, when 9 men (no underage, from Pakistan) crossed the border near Kelebija Serbia (location i) and got stopped shortly after, on 13th about at 3 am, near there. Again, the Hungarian police officers were violent: they beat all the men with hands and stick to all body parts, for few punches per each of the men, and pushed their police dogs to attack the men, i.e. punch and scratch them to all body parts. The men expressed their intention to apply for asylum, but the officers only collected their identity details and took pictures of them and then deported them back to Serbia.