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Date and time: December 23, 2018 00:00

Location: Glina, Croatia, at the river Glina that separates Croatia and Bosnia, near Velika Kladusa

Coordinates: 45.1838373 , 15.806545400000005

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia, Serbia

Demographics: 15 person(s), age: 17-27 , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

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

Police involved: 20 officers dressed in black without identification and wearing balaclavas.

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, personal information taken, papers signed, denial of food/water

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of 15 started their trip on December 20 , 2018, 9 pm. They crossed the Serbian-Croatian border by foot and continued walking through the Croatian forests for three days. At some point, they got lost and one of them went to the main road in order to find the direction to Slovenia , but somebody saw him and called the police . While the whole group was walking on the main road, a red civilian car arrived and two men asked them to sit down .

"It was just normal car and they ask us to sit down on the road."

Five minutes later a white Croatian police van arrived, picked them up and drove them to a police station in a small village .

They spent five to six hours there, during which they were asked for their names and family names and had to sign a document. They also spent the night there, but were denied water and food. On the next morning, they were driven to the border between Croatia and Bosnia, although one individual asked to be deported to Serbia as he came from Serbia. After a four-hour drive, they arrived at the border. When they got off the van, 20 Croatian officers, dressed in black uniforms with no identification marks and wearing balaclavas, deported the group. They beat them with batons and kicked them. After that, they pushed the 15 individuals into the river Glina, near Velika Kladusa. They were verbally and physically threatened and finally pushed-back.

They spent the night in the forest, making a fire to dry their clothes. Afterwards they walked to Velika Kladusa and asked for bus tickets to Serbia, but the vendor denied it because of "police problem".

Hence, they walked back three days to Bihać (BIH). During this walk, people were giving them food and clothes. They arrived to Bihać, where they stayed for three days. They had no money, so one individual asked his family to send him some. The Bosnian authorities then caught them near the city center and drove them to a police station. The respondent again asked to be deported to Serbia.

After some hours in the police station, they had to enter another van and were driven for 15-20 minutes to the Serbian border:

"There is Serbia."

They then took a bus to Tuzla and then to another city that the respondent doesn't remember. From this city, they took a bus to Belgrade and then another one to Sid. They arrived there after 11 days, most of them sick.

The respondent has been deported 45 times: 38 times he tried by entering a truck and seven times by "taxi game".