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**"THE MEN [...] WERE SURROUNDED BY THE BORDER POLICE AND BEATEN FOR SEVERAL MINUTES EACH, AFTER WHICH PUSHED TO THE SERBIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER."**

**Date and time:** October 9, 2017 03:00

**Location:** Vrbanja, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.150466 , 19.163716

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 15 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan, Bangladesh

**Minors involved?** Unknown

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

**Police involved:** 10 male police officers in Croatian police uniforms, 3 male police in border police uniforms

**Taken to a police station?:** unknown

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

28 men walked from Sid Serbia across the border to the Croatian side, were 15 of them (9 from Afghanistan and 6 from Bangladesh) were caught by 10 Croatian police officers, near the highway at Vrbanja, Croatia. On Monday October 9th. at about 1.30am, 2 police officers transported the 15 men, in a closed police van, to the Serbian-Croatian border between Tovarnik, Croatia, and Sid, Serbia, near the train rails. 3 police officers in Croatian border police uniforms were waiting for them.

One by one, the men were released from the van, surrounded by the border police officers and beaten for several minutes each, and pushed to the Serbian side of the border. The police beat them with fists and sticks (long black with armrest) and kicked them on all parts of their bodies. No belongings were confiscated. After the police had beaten with every one of them, the men walked back to Sid, Serbia. The men asked to enter asylum procedures in both places but the police denied them.