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"THE POLICE DRAGGED HIM OVER THE GROUND, CAUSING INJURIES ON HIS BACK, BEAT HIM WITH POLICE STICKS AND KICKED HIM IN THE HEAD."

Date and time: June 2, 2017 17:30

Location: Tovarnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.16514757053162 , 19.151966196044896

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: unknown , from: Algeria

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, pushing people to the ground

Police involved: 10-11 policemen

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Unknown

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On June 2nd. 2017, 4 people from Algeria, 2 of them minors, were caught by police in Tovarnik, a Croatian village close to the border to Serbia. The 4 people were in a train container, and as there wasn't a lot of space and it was very warm inside, two of them passed out. The police found them at a border control and 5 police officers carried them in to a police car, and took them to a place near the rails next to the border (exact location: 45°08'52.4"N 19°09'47.4"E). The police called for backup and 5 or 6 more police officers in uniform who were hiding their faces with masks, arrived. The police took photos of the 4 people, but they didn't ask them anything.

The first person who was beaten up was a 17 year old Algerian. The interviewee states that this boy was asthmatic and states that this might be why the police beat him first. The police caught him at his ankles, dragged him over the ground, causing injuries on his back, beat him with police sticks and kicked him in the head. He completely lost his consciousness. The other 3 people only got smaller kicks and then the police officers drove away. They had 2 vans and a car.