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## **"[...] THE POLICE TOOK THEIR PHONES FROM THE CAR AND DESTROYED THEM WITH BATONS IN FRONT OF THEM"**

**Date and time:** September 10, 2018 17:00

**Location:** near to Ogulin, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.29902761734411 , 15.099141092397758

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 9 person(s), age: unknown , from: Syria

**Minors involved?** Unknown

**Violence used:** destruction of personal belongings

**Police involved:** Croatian officers, ten officers wearing black commando uniforms, four officers wearing sky blue uniforms

**Taken to a police station?:** no

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

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The group of nine had been walking for four days until they were around 100 km inside the Croatian interior , coming from Bosnia. At that point, they were observed walking through some light wooded area at approximately 5 pm on September 10, 2018.

They were initially detected by two officers dressed in black. They ordered the individuals to stop and sit down. Within ten minutes many more officers arrived to the scene with two estate and one patrol car. There were five officers dressed in sky blue uniforms and another eight in black uniforms. The group was frisked and got all their belongings were taken .

All nine of them asked for asylum several times, but their requests were totally ignored or responded with shouting by the officers.

From the roadside they were loaded into one of the estate cars and driven for around 2 , 5 hours . When the car stopped, the back doors were opened and the officers told them to go. When the group asked about their belongings, the police took their phones from the car and destroyed them with batons in front of the m.