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"M. TOLD THEM ABOUT HIS FRIEND'S SICKNESS AND NEED OF HOSPITAL, BUT THE POLICE DIDN'T ANSWER, BUT POINTED OUT THE DIRECTION OF THE BORDER AND SAID THAT "THERE'S SERBIA"."

Date and time: September 19, 2017 03:00

Location: Croatia, Vinkovci (caught) / near Tovarnik (released)

Coordinates: 45.306841 , 18.818566

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: 3 or more policemen from Croatia

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

Way across the border:

M. and his friend (30 years) started to walk from Šid, Serbia on 17th September 2017 at 3 pm and crossed the Croatian border between Šid and Boksic, Croatia. They walked through two jungles in the area of Boksic and Berak and crossed road 57. On 18th at 5 am they arrived at Vinkovci and arrived at the train station at 8 am. They couldn't get to the train because of M.'s friend's difficult abdominal/intestinal pain. They were stopped by police (small police car, one female and one male police in uniforms) near the train station on the 19th at 2 am. M. asked in English for a hospital for his friend, and the female police officer was really friendly. They didn't ask for asylum. The police talked on the radio phone. One police van took M. and his friend to Tovarnik, Croatia, where one police van with three police men in uniforms took them and transported them to the Serbian-Croatian border near Tovarnik and the railroad (45.146421, 19.164178), convoied by another police van, on 19th at 3 am. After subsequent procedures M. and his friend ran across the border and walked back to Šid in two hours.

Incidence of violence:

Location: Serbian-Croatian border on Croatian side near Tovarnik and railroad (45.146421, 19.164178), on 19th September 2017 at about 3-3:10 am.

Policemen confiscated baggage, money and phones and examined M. and his friend, palpating by hands through their clothes. M. told them about his friend's sickness and need of hospital, but the police didn't answer, but pointed out the direction of the border and said that "there's Serbia". The policemen had long batons with handles, and one beat M. once in his hand and four times in his thigh longitudinally. One also beat his friend. The beating stopped when M. and his friend ran away.

Injuries: The hand got badly swollen and M. had to show it in a clinic. The thigh did not hurt afterwards. The friend has no severe injuries.