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"IN ORDER TO STOP THE VIOLENCE, HE CUT HIS LEFT WRIST ARTERY WITH A KNIFE MADE OF HIS ASTHMA MEDICINE PIPE. THE WOUND BLEED A LOT, SO THE POLICE STOPPED AND LET HIM LIE ON THE GROUND UNNOTICED FOR HOURS."

Date and time: October 16, 2017 00:00

Location: Croatia, Tovarnik

Coordinates: 45.147575, 19.164551

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Unknown

Violence used:

Police involved: Several policemen during the interrogation in Zagreb and the deportation back to Tovarnik; 5 policemen were involved in the violence activities

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

8 men from Algeria walked across the Serbian-Croatian border from Šid Serbia about 10 villages in Croatia before continuing by train container to Zagreb. There 4 of the managed to apply for asylum and accommodated to a camp. The 3 others went there for one night, the interviewed person with a card of his friend. The next morning the men called UNCHR office of Zagreb and expressed the intention to seek for asylum. After they told their identity details and explained their route there, the officer reassured them that they could go to register to the police and they'll get access to apply for asylum. The men went to the main police station in Zagreb (coordinates: 45.809293, 15.979412), where the police made their registration and took pictures of them with name, after which they did asylum application. The men got proper documents and they were supposed to accommodate at closed camp near Zagreb. However, 2 police transported them with two Afghan refugee by big police van to the Serbian-Croatian border near train rails between Tovarnik Croatia and Šid Serbia (coordinates: 45.147575, 19.164551), where 5 male Croatian border police committed the violence. After that the 2 friends and 2 Afghans walked back to Serbia and the interviewed person stayed neglected in the deportation place wound bleeding and without attention from the police for about 5-6 hours before the same police called to some Croatian hospital near the border. The man was transported there and he recovered there for two days. After that the police came and the man again expressed his intention to seek for asylum, but he was about to be deported. Two police transported him by big police van again to the Serbian-Croatian border near train rails between Tovarnik Croatia and Šid Serbia (pic 1). The police took his documents from the hospital and demanded him to go back to Serbia. The man questioned the deportation, so the police said they were sorry and explained that the order came from higher officers. After that the man walked back to Serbian side to Šid.