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"SO HE HIT THE MAN WITH HIS GUN BETWEEN THE EYES."

Date and time: January 21, 2018 03:30

Location: close to Subotica

Coordinates: 46.10972041033486 , 19.655642454652934

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Serbian Police (male, tall, in Serbian police uniforms) with a car

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

On Sunday 21th – Monday 22nd January 2018 three intercourses happened between two Serbian police officers (who the men recognized to probably be always the same ones) and the migrants staying in abandoned houses near Subotica, Serbia, about 30-40 in total at the place (male, mostly from Pakistan, about 5 underaged and others older).

On Sunday 21th January 2018 at early morning two Serbian police officers (male, in Serbian police uniforms, tall, guns out, two white flashlights, the darkness and blinding from the lights preventing the men to see their faces) arrived at the place about 3:30 am, they left their car (nobody saw how it looked like) about 200 m away from the houses where the migrants were sleeping and continued by walk closer, having guns out and two white lights preventing the men to see their faces. Some of the men already woke up, noticed the police officers and managed to run away. The officers entered a room of the backside house. The migrants inside the room woke up, and because of the guns the men first they thought the officers were mafia people. About 2-3 of the men managed to run out to hide farther away, alerting the other men in other rooms on their way, but about 5-6 were caught inside. The officers ordered the men to stop and raise their arms. Next they checked the bodies of the men and looked for property, confiscating their money (100 euros from one of the men) but not mobile phones. The officers stayed in this room about 10-30 min, after which they continued to another room in front house, where other migrants were still asleep, being not aware of what was happening. The alerts from the other men and the approaching lights of the officers woke the men up. They again mistook the police to be mafia people, and almost all managed to escape out from the window. The police entered the room, where one of the men (from Pakistan, a bit older) was making tea without shoes. Apparently the officers thought that the man was about to escape also, so the other of them hit the man with his gun between eyes. After about 5-10 min in that room the policemen went outside behind the house and looked with their lights for the men who escaped, but didn't find anybody. Overall, the police officers used swear words. After about 10-15 min more staying outside the officers returned to their car and drove away.

The next day, on Sunday 21st January 2018 two Serbian police officers (male, in Serbian police uniforms, tall, this time their faces were in the day light visible to the men), who the men recognized to probably be the same ones, came again

at the place, about at 2:30 pm. This time the officers parked their car closer the houses and then walked around the yard, but this time they didn't enter the houses. The officers started a conversation with the men outside. The men didn't try to run away, and also the rest of the men staying at the place gathered there to talk with the policemen. The officers said that the men should be registered to so camp, and asked the men their reasons not to do it. The men answered, that there's so much ethnic tension between Afghans and Pakistanis in camps that it's impossible to stay there. The man whose money the policemen stole at the last time asked his property back, but the officers didn't accept. The officers were threatening the men: they said that if the men don't go to camp, they will call for special police to come to arrest the men and deport them to camp. They didn't confiscate anything or commit any violence. The officers stayed at the place for about one hour and then left.

The following day, on Monday 22nd January 2018 two Serbian police officers (male, in Serbian police uniforms, tall, flashlights), who the men recognized to be the same ones, came at the place by car the evening, about 7 pm. They didn't exit the car, but drove a while around the houses and checked the place with their flashlights.