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"HIS FRIEND WAS SO BADLY WOUNDED IN HIS FACE THAT HE COULDN'T EAT AND CHEW FOR DAYS"

Date and time: September 18, 2017 23:00

Location: Lužani Zagorski, Croatia

Coordinates: 46.22557164133931 , 15.91094970703125

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 11 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Unknown

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), destruction of personal belongings, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: Police officers with two vehicles, one deporting 6, one 5 persons back to serbia

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

In the night between the September 18th and 19th. 11 people were deported back to Serbia. The police caught them before the slovenian border, about 20km. from the border between Croatia and Slovenia. They asked for asylum, but the Croatian police refused, explaining that the Porin Hotel doesn't have space anymore. They were deported back to Serbia in 2 vehicles, one with 6 and the other one with 5 people, in vehicles the interviewee describes as 'a big box without windows', and as such they could not see where they were going. The police officers brought them back to the train station at the border, and ordered them to go to Serbia.

This was not the first time he tried to reach Europe. Nine months ago the police had caught him and had taken everything he had (his luggage, his food, his mobile) and burnt everything. Two weeks before he had been beaten and the police stole his mobile phone, pretending to check it, and never giving it back. He even asked for his mobile back, explaining he needed to join his family, explaining how expensive a mobile is.

This time they were 6 people who were caught by the police and all of them were beaten, in front of a police office. The police officers asked them to sit down, and beat them one by one. The officers that beat them, were not wearing uniforms, and were not the officers that drove them back to the border, but others officers in civilian clothes. One of his friends was so badly wounded in his face that he couldn't eat and chew for days.