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"BEATING WITH STICKS AND HANDS ALL OVER THE BODY"

Date and time: March 3, 2018 23:59

Location: Hungaria close to the serbo-hungarian border near Horgos

Coordinates: 46.17691084463757 , 19.97976152705826

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Unknown

Violence used:

Police involved: About 10-12 policemen with Hungarian border police uniforms and dogs (some without muzzle)

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

At midnight on Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th March 2018 several men (mostly from Pakistan, about 20-30 years and some older, interviewed one 30 years) tried to transit from Subotica Serbia through Hungary in smaller 4-5 people groups. The group of the interviewed one walked across Serbian-Hungarian border near Horgos Serbia, through the border fences, and continued only a while walking in Hungarian territory. Then they got stopped by Hungarian border police officers (about 10-12 men, Hungarian border police uniforms) and their dogs (some without masks). The officers pushed the dog to punch, scratch and bite some of the men and committed violence, beating with sticks and hands all over the body, also to face, some of the men. Two of the beaten men were joining the interview, and they told they got punches to face and from stick to legs. The men felt pain afterwards, but there were no visible injuries for evidence. The men expressed an intention to seek for asylum, but the officers didn't respond appropriately. They didn't take any fingerprints, the men were not asked to sign in any papers and no documents were given to them (no information about taking pictures). The officers checked their bodies and belongings. After that the officers closed the group in back space of a small van and made them wait there for about 5 hours. Then, in early morning on Sunday 4th the men were transported with the van a short way to the Serbian-Hungarian border on a gate in the border fence on a bridge close to Horgos Serbia (probably Horgos – Röszke Border Crossing Station). There the police called for Serbian police to arrive there and deported the men to Serbian side in front of them. The interview was interrupted because other men around told the interviewed one to stop.