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## **"3-4 POLICE OFFICERS BEAT HIM, PUNCHING HIM ON ALL PARTS OF HIS BODY AND IN THE FACE"**

**Date and time:** November 19, 2017 23:00

**Location:** Harkány, Hungary

**Coordinates:** 45.856594 , 18.237185

**Push-back from:** Hungary

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 12 person(s), age: 12-30 , from: Pakistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking

**Police involved:** Hungarian male border police with uniforms/ catchment: 2 police without police car, several (6-8) police with two big police vans (grey-white color)/ police station: several policemen, violence to interviewed person: 3-4 policemen

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** photos taken, personal information taken, papers signed

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

On November 19-20th 2017, 2 men walked from Horgos, Serbia across the Serbian-Hungarian border and were caught by 2 border police officers near Harkany, Hungary. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, and the police called for several more (6-8) police officers with 2 big police vans. The men were transported to a nearby police station. The men explained that they left their home country because they were convicted for crimes without proof and adequate trials.

(At the same time 10 other men crossed the border by car, and were caught by Hungarian border police somewhere near the catchment place of the 2 men, and were also transported to a Hungarian police station near there. They were interrogated and transported to a deportation place).

At the police station, several police officers wrote down their personal details, their route and destination, and the men again expressed their intention to seek asylum. The police accused the men of being smugglers for the group of 10 people, but the men denied it. Then the men were taken to separate rooms, where the police violently assaulted them. 3-4 police officers beat the interviewee, punching him on all parts of his body and in the face, for about 10-20 min. At the same time they asked questions, for example where he came from and what he knows about the group of people, he answered truthfully, but the police accused him of lying and beat him even more. In the second room, the other man was treated similarly.

Afterwards the police finished filling in papers. They handed out the documents and the men were asked to sign them, the police also took pictures of the men, but no fingerprints were taken. After about 4-6 hours at the police station, the men were transported in a big police van to the Serbian-Hungarian border near Kelebija. At about 5pm., the group of 10

people were picked up from the police station where they were interrogated. At the border, at about at 6-7pm., the police ordered all 12 men to go back to the Serbian side, so the men ran away and walked back to Horgos, Serbia.