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"THEY ASKED FOR ASYLUM BUT WERE REJECTED WITHOUT A REAL EXPLANATION."

Date and time: August 23, 2017 04:30

Location: Croatia, Zagreb (caught) / Ilinci (released)

Coordinates: 45.75834 , 16.006071

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 5 policemen from Croatia

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

Three people from Afghanistan, one of them a minor. Five police officers tried to arrest them in Zagreb Porin hotel (45.758340, 16.006071). They ran away, trying to reach the UNICEF offices. The police officers caught them before. When they were caught, the policemen kicked them several times. The refugees were handcuffed and brought to the police station. Their mobile phones were taken and they stayed at the station for 6 hours. They were given only water (and only after 2 hours) even though they asked repeatedly for food and were very hungry. They asked for asylum but were rejected without a real explanation. The officers said they shouldn't have run away. A translator was present during the talks, but he or she only talked to the police and didn't translate much to them. They were brought back to the border in a white police van and dropped off near Ilinci (45.130211, 19.080040). Mobile phones were given back and no violence occurred this time.