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"THEY ASKED FOR ASYLUM BUT THEIR REQUEST WAS REJECTED"

Date and time: February 12, 2018 00:00

Location: Vinkovci, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.2879058 , 18.805678100000023

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 3 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? No

Violence used: no violence used

Police involved: 6 Croatian police

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of three people from Afghanistan (aged 19, 24 and 29) walked for 2 nights and 1 day, from the Serbo-Croatian border to the town of Vinkovci. From there they wanted to take a taxi, but a taxi driver called the police. Five to six police officers arrived in three police cars, to the taxi parking space.

The police kept the group in this space during a number of interrogations. They asked for asylum but their request was rejected, with the explanation that it was not possible to seek asylum and that they should return back to Serbia.

The police officers searched their clothes and bodies. The police took their mobile phones and searched the content of the phones, asking about the pictures they had stored, and about people who were on these pictures. They returned the mobile phones to them afterwards. The police didn't take any personal information or give them any official papers. They were driven in a police car back to the Serbian border, where they were pushed back on the trails Tovarnik – Sid.