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"ONE OF THEM WAS SICK, STILL THE POLICE BEAT HIM"

Date and time: August 23, 2017 00:00

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.8150108 , 15.981918899999982

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Minors involved? Unknown

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

Police involved: Number unknown, Croatian police

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of people on the move had stayed for three or four days in Zagreb, when they went to the office of the United Nations, to register and were caught by the police. The interviewee was in front of the UN office door, as the police came. He started to shout and UN officers came and asked the police to let him enter the office. The police told them that they will take him to the station for registration and bring him back later. They placed him in jail for 14 hours and took his phone and his bag with his other belongings as well as 100€ from a friend who was with him. The police beat them.

Two other men from the group tried to run when the police caught them at around 4pm. The police officers kicked them in the back and took them to the police station. One of them was sick, still the police beat him before they brought him to the hospital. The nurse said that he had heart problems and asked the police officers to give him asylum, so that they could treat him. The police took him back to the jail and deported him with the others. One day later he still had marks from electrode pads on his chest. At midnight six men, including the interviewee, were brought back to the Serbian border in a van and left there.