## "POLICE OFFICERS SEARCHED THEIR BACKPACKS, SLAPPED ALL OF THEM IN THE FACE AND STOLE THEIR PHONES"

**Date and time:** May 10, 2018 14:00 **Location:** Near Batrovci, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.045398758803245, 19.096785342578187

Push-back from: Croatia
Push-back to: Serbia

**Demographics:** 20 person(s), age: unknown, from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? No

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

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

20 men from Afghanistan were caught in a Croatian forrest, 6-7 hours from the Serbian/Croatian border. They were waiting in the forrest for a person who did not arrive, so when they saw a police car, they stopped it. The police officers searched their backpacks, slapped all of them in the face, and stole their phones. A van arrived and the police officers pushed them back to Batrovci. They asked for asylum but the police officers didn't reply.