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"THEIR LEGS WERE FULL OF BLEEDING WOUNDS AND SCRATCHES SO THAT THEY HAD TO CRY AND SHOUT BECAUSE OF THE PAIN."

Date and time: December 16, 2017 03:00

Location: close to Bácsszentgyörgy, Hungary

Coordinates: 45.9662530209121 , 19.031925201416016

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: about 10 Hungarian police officers (male, in uniforms) with police dogs (more than 5, one with and others without masks), violence from all of them, pictures taken by some officers (in civilian clothes, one civil car), once in a while some Hungarian army personnel and international police officers

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

On 16th of December 2017 at night 16 men (5 from Afghanistan and others from Pakistan, 7 minors about 14-15 years, interviewed one 32, most of the others about 20-30 years, some older) walked from Sombor, Serbia across the Serbian-Hungarian border between Rastina, Serbia and Bácsszentgyörgy, Hungary and continued about 15 min inside Hungarian territory before getting caught there by some Hungarian police officers. The police asked the men to sit down, and after a few minutes more of them arrived, so that in total there were about 10 Hungarian police officers (all male, in uniforms) with police dogs. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, and the officers answered that the border is closed and it's not possible to seek for asylum in Hungary. They didn't ask or write down anything, nor did they take any fingerprints of the men. They started to treat them all with violence. They released their dogs (more than 5 police dogs, one with and others without masks), and pushed them to attack the men, i.e. punch and scratch them to all body parts, for about 15-45 min. Their legs were full of bleeding wounds and scratches so that they had to cry and shout because of the pain. After that, when the men tried to defend themselves, the officers started to kick them also. They kicked the interviewed man to right side of his chest. He had pain afterwards, and he consulted a doctor who treated him. Some ribs were broken and needed weeks to heal (X-ray and other medical records from the hospital). Next the officers checked up the bodies and belonging of the men and asked for property. They looked through their mobile phone files and wrote down the names of the owners and numbers of their sim cards. Then the officers either broke or threw away good phones (4 phones in total) and gave the worse ones back to the owners. They took shoes from some of the men, for example from the man interviewed. Once in a while international police officers visited the place, and at this time the Hungarian officers interrupted mistreating the men and behaved properly. These officers interrogated the men and properly ordered them to return back to Serbia and politely recommended them to go another way in the future. Also some Hungarian army personnel were present. The Hungarian officials called for one civil car of some officials in civilian

clothes to come to take pictures of every man. In the end the police officials used pepper spray to the eyes of the men, so they felt irritation and couldn't see for a while. After for about 1-2 h at the place the police announced to deport the men, and they were transported directly to the border near there. There the police ordered the men to go back to Serbia, so they did. When the interviewed man managed to go back to Sombor, he had so severe pain on his chest that he needed to consult doctors.