## "THERE THEY FORCED THE FLEEING MEN TO UNDRESS AND SIT ON THE FLOOR. ONE BY ONE THEY HAD TO STAND UP AND WERE HIT WITH STICKS, BOXED, AND KICKED."

Date and time: August 31, 2017 21:00

**Location:** Croatia, Orolik (caught) / Tovarnik (released, violence)

Coordinates: 45.220235, 18.989764

Push-back from: Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Number unknown, Croatian police (green uniforms)

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**

A group of nine people from Afghanistan, five of them underage, was caught by Croatian police officers in green uniforms (1 star on shoulder) on the D57 road just outside of the village Orolik in Croatia (45.220235, 18.989764). They asked for asylum but were given no answer, just "no come here". Requests for food and water were denied. They were brought to the Croatian border (45.148996, 19.161080, railway tracks near Tovarnik on the Croatian side). The police had two small white cars and a white van. There they forced the fleeing men to undress and sit on the floor. One by one they had to stand up and were hit with sticks, boxed, and kicked. G. was asked if he speaks English. He denied and was boxed in the stomach, and then hit on the neck, and given an electric shock with a taser. The others (including the minors) were also hit and tasered. The officers destroyed their phones (7) and powerbanks (5), gave them their clothes back and told them to run.