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## **"THE POLICE BEAT THEM WITH STICKS AND KICKED THEM ALL OVER THEIR BODIES, AND ALSO USED TEARGAS TO SPRAY THEM IN THEIR EYES AND MOUTH"**

**Date and time:** November 27, 2017 00:00

**Location:** Near Mórahalom, Hungary

**Coordinates:** 46.2179218 , 19.883720000000004

**Push-back from:** Hungary

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 20 person(s), age: unknown , from: Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, pepper spray, dog attacks

**Police involved:** Hungarian border police with uniforms, catchment and violence several (about 15) Hungarian border police in blue uniforms (security of border written on the back) with 3 police dogs, with masks by several police cars, police station and deportation: several police, transportation: big police van

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** personal information taken, denial of food/water

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

On November 26th-28th 2017, 20 men walked from Horgos Serbia across the Serbian-Hungarian border and continued inside Hungarian territory, before they were caught by several (about 15) Hungarian border police officers. The officers were in blue uniforms (security of border written on the back), with 3 police dogs and several police cars, this took place near Morahalom, Hungary at about 12pm. The police asked for their nationalities and searched their bodies and belongings, the men expressed their intention to seek asylum.

Afterwards the police violently assaulted them. All of the police officers surrounded the men and let their 3 police dogs attack the men and scratch them all over their bodies. Then 2-3 officers violently attacked the men one by one. The police beat them with stick (long thin black with armrest) and kicked them all over their bodies, and also used teargas to spray them in their eyes and mouth. They beat each person for about 15 min. Then the men were transported in a big police van to a police station nearby, a 20 min. drive away. There the men were interrogated, one by one, while the others stayed in big cold hall.

The men once again expressed their intention to seek asylum. The police asked the men to fill in a form with their identity details and information about their route and destination, but no fingerprints or pictures were taken. The men asked for water and food, but the police did not give them any. After about 5 hours at the police station, the men were transported in a big police van for about 2 hours, to the Serbian-Hungarian border near Subotica Serbia. The Hungarian border police took pictures of the men and deported them to the Serbian side.