"WHEN THE 4 MINORS ASKED FOR ASYLUM THEY WERE KICKED AGAIN"

Date and time: March 13, 2018 12:00

Location: Bajakovo border crossing, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.048007, 19.101581

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

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: 14, 14, 15, 16, from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking **Police involved:** Croatian police at the Bajakovo border crossing

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: forced to pay fee

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

4 unaccompanied minors from Afghanistan (14, 16, 15 and 14 years old) were in a trailer at the Bajakovo border crossing, where they were detected by a scanner and arrested at the Croatian border post.

5 police officers took them out of the trailer and proceeded to beat and kick them. The violence stopped momentarily when one of the officer, a women, said « no kick, CAMERA! ». When the 4 minors asked for asylum they were kicked again. They were asked to write their names and, when some didn't know how to write they were beaten.

They were kept for 8 hours in a closed room with the air conditioning on, before being transferred in a car to the Serbian police. They were brought to Sid Police Station at 8am. Throughout all this, the minors asked 10 times for permission to go to the toilet and the police continuously refused them access to use a toilet.

In Sid police station, the Serbian Police threatened them with the possibility of going to jail or to pay 50€. They didn't receive any document neither in Croatia nor in Serbia.