"THERE WAS ALSO A TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN THE FAMILY"

Date and time: April 12, 2018 12:00

Location: Croatia, Lipovac near Serbo-Croatian border

Coordinates: 45.0561941, 19.07286590000001

Push-back from: Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes Violence used:

Police involved: Croatian border police

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: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

Name/s	Υ.
Nationality	Afghani
Date and time	12.04.2018 ; 12 :00 am
Catchment place	Near Serbian/Croatian border : Lipovac
Deportation place	Unknown, in the fields
Number of people deported	7
Age	Minor involved: 2 children of 2 and 12 years old
Physical police violence	Yes
Asylum requested	Yes
What happened ?	

- push-back

- robbed

- denied access to asylum procedures
- physical violence
- destruction of personal belongings

The family of 7 members (2 men, 3 women, 2 children) from Afghanistan crossed the border near Bratovci – Lipovac side. The Croatian border police saw them near the road and caught them. They called for more police. As they caught them they took their mobile phones. The police asked them with whom they had come. They answered they had come alone by walking. And they asked for asylum. They stressed that one member of the family is disabled: a 12 year old girl with polio. There was also a two-year-old child in the family. The police responded that they weren't giving asylum.

They broke their two mobile phones (Samsung G7 and G5, see picture). They beat them as well and after pushed them to the police van. Before entering to the van the police thrown the bag of the interviewed person to the forest. With his bag he lost his wallet with money and his clothes. They beat the interviewed person and his cousin, the only two men in the family, with sticks and with their feet all over their bodies. The police told them to never again come back to Croatia. They pushed them back to Serbia, somewhere in the field.

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