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"BOTH MINORS EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO SEEK ASYLUM IN CROATIA, BUT THE POLICE OFFICERS REJECTED THEIR REQUEST"

Date and time: June 16, 2018 20:00

Location: 1 km away from Zagreb, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.721130843795805 , 16.075302689062482

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 2 person(s), age: 17 , from: Syria

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: destruction of personal belongings, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 5 Croatian border police officers (wearing uniforms), 1 police car (van)

Taken to a police station?: yes

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewee and his friend crossed the border from Bosnia (Velika Kladusa) to Croatia and were both caught by the Croatian border police, one km from Zagreb. The police took both minors to a nearby police station. The interviewee and his friend showed to the police officers their Syrian passports, and the officers were thus aware of their age and nationality.

Both minors expressed their intention to seek asylum in Croatia, but the police officers rejected their request. The interviewee also stressed that he had a problem with his leg, after the 30km walk, which the police officers ignored and instead they drove the two minors to the Bosnian border, to deport them back to Bosnia. When the police delivered the two minors at the border, they took their phone, placed it on the ground, and drove over it, destroying it.