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Date and time: August 31, 2017 21:00

Location: Orolik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.220235 , 18.989764

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 9 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, electric shock, forcing to undress, destruction of personal belongings

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

Taken to a police station?: unknown

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, were caught by Croatian police officers in green uniforms on the D57 road, just outside of the village Orolik in Croatia. 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 at the railway tracks near Tovarnik, on the Croatian side. The police had two small white cars and a white van. The police forced them to undress and sit on the ground. One by one they had to stand up and were beaten with sticks, punched and kicked. The interviewee was asked if he spoke English, he said no, he was punched in the stomach, hit in the neck and given electric shock with a taser. The others (including the minors) were also beaten and tasered. The officers destroyed their phones (7) and powerbanks (5), gave them their clothes back and told them to run.