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"POLICE SAID TO US: YOU ENTERED THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, SO THIS IS YOUR FINE"

Date and time: June 12, 2018 04:00

Location: 26 from Velika Kladusa, Bosnia

Coordinates: 45.192790065675936 , 15.791782521582036

Push-back from: Bosnia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 6 person(s), age: 21-23 , from: Pakistan

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), pushing people to the ground, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: five Croatian border police officers wearing uniforms, with 3 cars

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewee his five friends were trying to reach Croatia from Bosnia (Velika Kladusa) but were detected by the Croatian border police just before the Croatian border. Police did not ask the men any questions about their intentions of movement and physically attacked them with metal sticks. The interviewee was hit on his arm and fell to the ground, this was followed by three more hits to his arms, legs and back with a metal stick. His friends were also beaten on the head, legs, arms and back by metal sticks. Police were beating the whole group for about 10 minutes. Afterwards, police officers stole 5 mobile phones, 6 power banks from the group, as well as 500 euros from one person and 110 euros from another person.

"Police said to us, 'You entered the country illegally, so this is your fine!'"

Finally, the police gave the men a document explaining the fee for illegal entry and told them to walk back further into Bosnian territory. The interviewee had an injured arm and leg (see photos) and his friend had a swollen leg and open cut on the chin.