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"THE POLICE OFFICERS PHYSICALLY ATTACKED THEM USING BATONS AND ELECTRO-SHOK WEAPONS"

Date and time: June 13, 2018 17:00

Location: 20km from the Bosnian-Croatian border, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.20803072392909 , 15.776332997656255

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 7 person(s), age: 16-30 , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), electric shock, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: 6 Croatian border police officers (wearing uniforms), 2 police cars (van)

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

Five people walked from Velika Kladusa (Bosnia) and crossed the Croatian border. Police detected the group after they had reached Croatian territory, and took all of them to a nearby police station by van. The men expressed their intention to apply for asylum, but the police officers ignored them. Their fingerprints were taken and afterwards they were deported to the Bosnian border by police van. When the men were dropped off behind the Croatian border in Bosnia, the police officers physically attacked them using batons and electro-shok weapons, hitting the men in the face, skull and back. Afterwards the police took their phones, power banks and 200 euros, and told them to go back to Bosnia while verbally attacking them:

"Police said to us: 'Go back and not come, fuck you!' They were saying: 'You are terrorists, Taliban!'"

The interviewee has been in Bosnia for 8 months and this was his 50th unsuccessful attempt at crossing the border to Slovenia. Although he repeatedly stressed his intention to seek asylum in Slovenia, he was rejected.