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"THEY SHOUTED AT THE GROUP: 'SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP!'"

Date and time: September 11, 2018 23:45

Location: 20km from Velika Kladuša, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.2587938313759 , 15.556693024023389

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 5 person(s), age: 16-25, one minor , from: Syria

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: no violence used, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: Croatian officers, six officers wearing black commando uniforms

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group of five had walked through the Croatian woodland s for one full day. At night , they camped approximately 20 km far from Velika Kladuša (BIH) . The y had made a small fire to keep them war, but when a n officer saw the flames , a patrol arrived at their location. At a nearby track, two cars pulled up, carrying six officers in black uniforms. They shouted at the group :

"Sit down and shut up!"

When one of the individuals later asked the officers for asylum, they replied:

"No, you go (back to Bosnia)!"

The officers then checked their pockets and took all their belongings. Then, the group had to enter an estate car and was driven for 15 minutes. When they got of the car, they realized that they had been taken back at the Maljevac (HRV) border crossing from where they had left Bosnia just some hours ago.

The officers told them to walk back into Bosnian territory. At this point they returned their phones, but they kept the power banks, headphones and cables.