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"THE BEATING CONTINUED AND ONE MAN WITH ASTHMA WAS BEATEN EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HARD FOR HIM TO BREATHE."

Date and time: September 18, 2018 06:00

Location: Plitvička Jezera, Croatia

Coordinates: 44.878772860778916 , 15.642407452148404

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

Demographics: person(s), age: , from:

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: 20 border police officers, 5 police vans

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: BASIS

ORIGINAL REPORT

Police stopped the group by firing gunshots in the air. There was one family with younger children – they were forced into the police van. Everyone else from the group was hit with plastic batons although they had surrendered and were not arguing. Some of the refugees were apologizing to the police but the beating continued. They were made to hand over all of their phones and money. The police made threats telling they would be beaten more if they did not. The refugees were forced into the vans, around 30 people per 12 seater van.

They were taken to the police station and anyone wearing good shoes, jackets and backpacks were made to hand them over. The group was forced back into the vans. The beating continued and one man with asthma was beaten even though it was hard for him to breathe.

The vans were taken to different places. The van that T. was in stopped in open ground and the refugees were left there. It was a ten kilometer walk to the nearest village, some people no longer had shoes.