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## "THEY WERE JUST SAYING TO US: "FUCK YOU MUSLIM, FUCK YOU BROTHER, FUCK YOUR MOTHER" JUST SHOUTING AT US AND AFTER BEATING US"

**Date and time:** October 21, 2018 19:00

**Location:** Near Šturlić, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.072177 , 15.760576

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** Two Croatian police officers in dark blue uniforms. They were both large, one had grey hair. They had batons and pistols.

**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:** No Name Kitchen

### ORIGINAL REPORT

The two boys walked from Velika Kladuša (Bosnia) to a remote forest in Croatia, about 10 km far away from the Bosnian border, from where they supposed to be picked up by a people smuggler. The smuggler promised the boys to take them to Slovenia, from where they would have continued in a different car to Italy. They felt there was no legal chance for them to reach asylum in Europe, and for this reason they decided to pay 2.500 Euros to a "taxi driver" who would help them. They reached the arranged point around 6 pm, and were waiting for a taxi, but were detected by 2 police officers in dark blue uniforms. When the police saw them, they started verbally and physically attacking them:

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One of them told the police that he was 16 years old, but the officers did not pay attention to this and kept beating him by kicks and punches. Then, the police stole two phones from the boys that they had bought before their journey, one for 200 euros. They asked the officers, whether they could apply for asylum in Croatia, but the police responded to them that in Croatia, there was no asylum for them and kicked one of the boys into the legs.

Following the physical attack, the boys were transported by a car directly to the Bosnian border for their deportation. The journey took about 30 minutes, and there were the only ones inside. The car was driving very fast and was breaking occasionally, so that they were falling from one side to another. When they arrived at the border of Croatia with Bosnia, close to Šturlić (BiH), the police told them to get off the car, one by one, and again, physically attacked them while

shouting at them to go back to Bosnia:

*„They hit me into my head by a baton. They also hit me into the card on my leg although I told them that I had a scarf there. They were then hitting me into my neck and my hand [showing me swollen hand and bruise on the neck]. They also kicked into my friend’s mouth”.*

The boys then walked by foot to the makeshift camp in Velika Kladuša and arrived there around 4am. They lost their last money that they had paid to the smuggler and got stranded for longer time in the Bosnian transit, with no legal way forward and no adequate accommodation before the winter in Bosnia starts.

Both kept visible injuries from the beating. The older had several bruises around his body and swollen right hand caused by kicks, pushes and attacks by batons. The underages boy had a swollen mouth caused by several kicks into his face. beating. The older had several bruises around his body and swollen right hand caused by kicks, pushes and attacks by batons. The underages boy had a swollen mouth caused by several kicks into his face.