"THE GROUP INCLUDED A MINOR, WHOM WAS BEATEN THE SAME AS THE REST OF THE MEN"

Date and time: October 1, 2017 20:00

Location: Vincovci, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.276801, 18.888523

Push-back from: Croatia
Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: 26, 20, 25, 15, from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, destruction of personal belongings

Police involved: 3-4 border police in uniforms, male

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

4 Men crossed the border to Croatia by walking from Sid Serbia, and were caught by 3 police officers near Vincovci, Croatia. The police asked for their nationality (no ages asked or pictures taken) and called 4-5 police officers to transport the men to the border, to the deportation spot, where 3-4 Croatian border police officers were waiting for them. At this spot the border police officers assaulted them, beating them with sticks (long black with handrest), fists and kicking them, on all parts of their body.

The border police searched the men and broke the screens of four phones, no belongings were confiscated. All the police officers took part in the beating. One person had their glasses broken. The group included a minor, whom was beaten the same as the rest of the men. After that the men ran to the Serbian side and walked back to Sid.