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## **"THE CAR STOPPED AND THE CROATIAN OFFICERS TOLD HIM: 'GO TO BOSNIA.'"**

**Date and time:** March 13, 2019 23:30

**Location:** Metkovic, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 43.0493 , 17.663492

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 1 person(s), age: 38 , from: Iran

**Minors involved?** No

**Violence used:** pushing people to the ground

**Police involved:** 2 Croatian police, deep blue uniforms. 1 sedan car. At the border 2 Bosnian officers and later five more

**Taken to a police station?:** no

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** No

**Reported by:** [Re:]ports Sarajevo

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The 38-year-old Iranian man was heading to a bus station, when he ran into two Croatian officers who were waiting for him after a tip off at the north end of Lučki most bridge in Metkovic. Standing outside the car, they asked for his passport, and he replied:

*"I have no passport. I am tourist."*

They asked him:

*"What hotel are you staying in?"*

He answered that he wanted to catch a bus to Zagreb.

They asked him why he was going to Zagreb and he didn't answer. The police then pushed him down and found his camp ID from Ushivack camp, located in the East of Sarajevo. They took his phone, but returned it to him at the border, and asked him to enter the car. They drove back five minutes to the other side of the border, where they met two Bosnian officers. The car stopped and the Croatian officers told him:

*"Go to Bosnia."*

No further questions were asked, also not if he wished to claim asylum. He walked for five minutes down the road, where he met five other Bosnian officers who asked to see his ID card. They also told him that he needed to go to Bosnia.

So he walked for two hours back to the nearest bus station and traveled back to Sarajevo.