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## **"HE ASKED THE POLICE IF HE COULD APPLY FOR ASYLUM AND HAD PREPARED THE DOCUMENTS PROVING THAT HE WAS PERSECUTED BY ISIS IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT THE POLICE REFUSED TO SEE IT"**

**Date and time:** August 16, 2018 00:00

**Location:** Near Cirknik, Slovenia

**Coordinates:** 45.86331307291192 , 15.62642349334942

**Push-back from:** Slovenia, Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 12 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Unknown

**Violence used:** exposure to air condition and extreme temperature during car ride

**Police involved:** Slovenian and Croatian police

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:** detention, personal information taken

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The interviewee in this incident explains that he left Velika Kladuša with 12 other men, all from Afghanistan, crossed Croatia and wanted to continue further to Slovenia. When the group had been walking inside of Slovenia for about 24 hours, they were detected by the Slovenian police. According to the interviewee the police took the group of people to a police station, where they investigated their country of origin and other identifying features. The interviewee and the other men were also given a bracelet with a number, on which base they were called by the numbers instead of their names by the police. The interviewee asked the police if he could apply for asylum and had prepared the photo copy of the documents proving that he was persecuted by ISIS in Afghanistan, but the police refused to see it:

*I have all of my documents, education and degrees, service, ID cards in my phone. In 1992, I received gold medal from John Allan, out of 2000 people, I still have my medal, I showed already the photos to the police. But they did not allow us to show them the proof. They did not care to see it. I wanted to show them, but they did not allow me to show them*

All the men spent 24 hours in the police station and afterwards they were transported to Croatia, and from there to Bosnia. The men were transported from Croatia to the Bosnian border by a van with no windows. The inside of the van had an extremely hot temperature, described by the men as the inside of a "cooking pressure pot". The men were dropped off near the Bosnian border where they were told to go back to Bosnia. They walked 25 km back to Velika Kladuša.