## "3-4 POLICE BEAT THE INTERVIEWED MAN WITH FIST TO ALL BODY PARTS, ALSO TO FACE, FOR ABOUT 10-20 MIN."

Date and time: November 19, 2017 23:00

Location: Hungary, Harkány

Coordinates: 45.856594, 18.237185

Push-back from: Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

**Police involved:** Hungarian male border police with uniforms/ catchment: 2 police without police car, several (6-8) police with two big police vans (grey-white color)/ police station: several policemen, violence to interviewed person: 3-4 policemen

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

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## **ORIGINAL REPORT**

Pakistan, male, interviewed: 27 years old, his friend 26 years in the group of 10 refugees: some underaged (12, 16 years) and others 20-30 years

On 19th-20th November 2017, 2 men walked from Horgos, Serbia across the Serbian-Hungarian border and got caught by 2 border police near Harkany, Hungary (45.856594, 18.237185). The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, and the police called for several more (6-8) policemen with 2 big police vans (grey-white color), after that the men were transported to police station nearby. The men explained that they left their home country because of being convicted for crimes without proofs and adequate trials, and have undergone the same also on their earlier route to Europe. (At the same time other 10 men crossed the border by car, got caught by Hungarian border police somewhere near the catchment place of the 2 men and were transported to some Hungarian police station also near there. There they were only interrogated, after which they were picked up and transported with a big police van to deportation place.)

At the police station, several policemen wrote down their personal details, way there and destination, and the men again expressed their intention to seek for asylum. The police accused the men for being smugglers for the group of 10 refugees, but the men denied it. Then the men were taken to separate rooms, where the police committed the incidence of violence. 3-4 police beat the interviewed man with fist to all body parts, also to face, for about 10-20 min. At the same time they asked questions, for example where the man comes from and what he knows about the group of refugees, and when he answered truthfully, the police accused him for lying and beat him even more. In the second room, the other man was treated similarly.

After that the police finished filling in the papers. They handed out the documents they were asked to sign (the men lost them later) and took pictures of men, but no fingerprints were taken. Then, after about 4-6 h at the police station, the

men were transported with big police van to the Serbian-Hungarian border near Kelebija (46.173032, 19.613909), and on the way, about at 5 pm, also the group of 10 refugees were picked up from the police station where they were interrogated. On the border, about at 6-7 pm, the police ordered all the 12 men to go back to Serbian side, so the men ran away and walked back to Horgos, Serbia.

## police involved:

Hungarian male border police with uniforms, catchment: 2 police without police car, several (6-8) police with two big police vans (grey-white color), police station: several police, violence to interviewed: 3-4 police, one older (about 50 years) and bigger, the others younger and smaller Croatian police, deportation: big police van