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"THEY ASKED FOR ASYLUM BUT WERE REJECTED WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION"

Date and time: August 23, 2017 16:30

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.75834 , 16.006071

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 3 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: kicking, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: Police station in Zagreb, Croatian police

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: denial of food/water

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

On August 23rd. 2017, 5 police officers tried to arrest three people from Afghanistan, one of them a minor, in Zagreb at Borin hotel. They ran away, trying to reach the UNICEF office. The police officers caught them before they got there. When they were caught the police officers kicked them several times. They were put in handcuffs and brought to the police station. Their mobile phones were taken and they stayed at the station for 6 hours. The police only gave them water (after 2 hours waiting), even though they asked repeatedly for food and were very hungry. They asked for asylum but were rejected without an explanation. The officers said that they shouldn't have run away. A translator was present during the talks, but he or she only talked to the police and only translated a few things. They were brought back to the border in a white police van and dropped off near Ilinci. Their Mobile phones were given back.