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Date and time: January 16, 2019 09:00

Location: Knin, Croatia, train station

Coordinates: 44.0366818 , 16.19808839999996

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 2 person(s), age: 26,28 , from: Morocco, Algeria

Minors involved? No

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other)

Police involved: 4 police officers, not in uniform but armed with guns, one big white car

Taken to a police station?: no

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: Aid Brigade Sarajevo

ORIGINAL REPORT

The two men left Livno (BIH) with car to reach the Croatian border. When the car stopped near Ugarc, they got off and crossed the border in a forest by foot. Walking was very difficult for them, as the snow was 0,5 meters high. They arrived at the D33 road and walked next to the train track to the city Knin (HRV). From there, they wanted to take a bus to Zagreb.

Shortly after they sat in the bus, it was stopped and the authorities made the two of them exit . They put them into a car , after they had taken their money and phone s . Then, the two of them were driven to the border, which took them around 2,5 hours. The two individuals were told that they had two choices. Either they would give their fingerprints or they would drive them to a very bad place from where they would have to walk back for about 1,5 days. Accordingly, the two of them decided to give their fingerprints.

Afterwards, they brought them to the Bosnian border , stopping at a forest. When the two individuals got off the car, the officers hit each of them in the face and left them without water or food. They finally found a car which drove them back to Livno and took a bus back from there to Sarajevo.