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"THE UNDERAGE BOY STATED THAT HE HAS MEDICAL PROBLEM, AN INJURY IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD, BUT THE POLICE TOOK HIS HAT AND BEAT HIM IN THE HEAD"

Date and time: October 1, 2017 09:00

Location: Vinkovci, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.132575 , 18.922206

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 6 person(s), age: 17-32 , from: Iraq, Algeria, Armenia

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, insulting

Police involved: 11 policemen at the place of catching, and 5 involved in the place of deportation, all male, with police uniforms

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

On Sunday October 1st. 2017, 6 men on the move were caught, about 20km. from the Serbian-Croatian border, about 10km. before reaching Vinkovci. They were deported at around 11pm. near the train rails, at the Serbian-Croatian border near Sid Serbia, on the Croatian side. The men walked from Sid (Serbia) across the Serbian-Croatian border and were caught by 8 police officers with a small police van.

The police called for 4 additional police officers, who arrived with a bigger police van. The police proceeded to beat them, with punches and kicking, in their torso and on their legs, while also using verbal violence. The men and their baggage was searched. The Men were asked to kneel down, and all 11 police officers beat and kicked them. The underage boy stated that he has medical problem, an injury in the back of his head, but the police took his hat and beat him in the head. The men were taken out of the van in a queue, and all 5 police officers hit them, one by one, while yelling insults about the men's families. ("fuck your mother, fuck your sister, fuck your father"). Afterwards the police said "go back to Serbia and never come back".

After this first incidence of violence, 3 police officers transported the men in the bigger van, to the deportation place and left. At this place 5 police officers were waiting and a second violent attack occurred, after which the men ran to the Serbian side and walked back to Sid. There were 11 police officers at the place of catchment, and 5 at the place of deportation, all male, with police uniforms.

All the men expressed their intention to seek asylum, in English, when the police first caught them and again when they were deported. When the police caught them, they asked about their nationality and age, and men replied. there was no further response to their request for entering asylum procedures, and the underage boy was treated the same as everyone else. While they were deported back to Serbia they expressed this request again, and the police answered

“fuck you no asylum”.