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Date and time: March 24, 2019 23:00

Location: Skradnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.217334 , 15.319824

Demographics: 3 Syrian, 3 Algerian, all male

Minors involved? No

Violence used: shouting at them, beating with stick, pointing gun at them

Police involved: 5 policemen, 1 policewoman, Mercedes Sprinter

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

What was the reaction to this intention?: Rejection ("No, not in our country")

Reported by: [Re:]ports Sarajevo

Original Report

At 11 pm on the 24/03/2019 the group of six people were apprehended by the police in the area of Skradnik (HR). There was one police car with two police men, wearing black uniforms. The two police men were pointing the gun on them and made them sit on the ground. One of the police men called the police station and explained that there were 6 people, three from Syria and three from Algeria. The police checked their bags and took their phones and put them in a bag. They asked them where they started their route from, the group told them from Bihac. One guy asked to seek asylum, the police men directly said “no not in our country”. The six guys had to enter the car and this car drove them directly to the bosnian border. They opened the van and there were three different police men and one police woman standing in the same black uniform. It was too dark to recognize the faces. The police made them come out of the car, while they came out of the car, the three police men were beating them with sticks and the police woman was insulting them in english. Whilst trying to avoid the beating they run into the river. The police threw the bag of phones after them. When the six people were crossing the river the police was laughing and shouted at them to go back to Bosnia.