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"THE POLICE OFFICERS SHOUTED AT THEM TO STOP AND STARTED TO FIRE THEIR GUNS"

Date and time: November 4, 2017 00:00

Location: Vinkovci train station, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.30022599999999 , 18.802734999999984

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 6 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Unknown

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

Police involved: more than 6 police officers

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

6 people from Afghanistan arrived in Croatia, during the night, near Vinkovci. When they arrived at the train station in Vinkovci, a dog started to bark, and some people came out of their homes, so the 6 men ran into the forrest to hide. They came back later walking towards the train station in order to cross it. The police was in the corner of the station.

The interviewee was already injured on his left leg, and couldn't run away from the police. The police officers shouted at them to stop and started to shoot their guns. The 6 people laid down on the ground. Subsequently the 6 people were beaten by the police. They kicked them in their backs, and they were told "why are you here ? why are you coming here?". The interviewee asked for asylum, and asked the police to let him ask for asylum in Croatia, with his friends. The police told him to go back to Serbia, saying "we don't need you people to come here for the asylum".

The interviewee asked once again for help, claiming he wanted protection from a European country. 6 more police officers arrived at the train station, and the 6 men were brought back to the Serbian border. The border police warned them "if you come back here we will beat you".