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## **"ONE OFFICER TOLD HIM TO KNEEL DOWN AND PUT HIS HEAD ON THE GROUND, ANOTHER POLICE OFFICER SAT ON HIS HEAD AND WAS PUSHING HIS HEAD TO THE GROUND WITH HIS ENTIRE BODYWEIGHT, FOR ABOUT 8 MINUTES"**

**Date and time:** July 26, 2018 00:00

**Location:** 2km from the Croatian border, Slovenia

**Coordinates:** 45.1838373 , 15.806545400000005

**Push-back from:** Slovenia, Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 1 person(s), age: 47 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** No

**Violence used:** pushing people to the ground, forcing to undress, theft of personal belongings

**Police involved:** 2 Croatian police officers, 1 dog

**Taken to a police station?:** unknown

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Unknown

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The interviewee walked from Velika Kladusa to Croatia, and from there to Slovenia. After reaching Slovenia, about half an hour after he crossed the Croatian-Slovenian border, the police caught him and deported him back to Croatia, where he was handed over to police officers. The Croatian police was transporting the interviewee for his deportation back to Bosnia. But the car suddenly stopped after two minutes of driving, still close to the Slovenian border, and the police told the interviewee to get out of the car. Then, the officers started physically attacking him. One officer told him to kneel down and put his head on the ground, another police officer sat on his head and was pushing his head to the ground with his entire bodyweight, for about 8 minutes.

*"When the police was beating me, I was very scared, I thought that the DAESH [ISIS] was trying to kill me here in Europe. I came to Europe to be safe and to get help and I found this"*

Following this violent incident, the police told the interviewee to get back to the car and transported him to the Bosnian border, close to Bihac, for his deportation back to Bosnia. Once he arrived close to the Bosnian border, the police stole his shoes and told him to walk back to Bosnia. At first he was walking barefoot, but after a while he found a pair of sandals on the way towards the city of Bihac. According to the interviewee this is a common place of deportation, so it is full of belongings from those being deported there.

The interviewee had two big marks/injuries on his forehead caused by the physical attack of the police officer sitting on his head. He refused to seek medical aid after the incident.