"THE OFFICERS ACCUSED THE RESPONDENT OF BEING THE BOSS OF THE GROUP AND A SMUGGLER"

Date and time: January 15, 2019 22:00

Location: Sombor, Serbia

Coordinates: 45.84785912170368, 18.84369301463846

Push-back from: Croatia
Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 10 person(s), age: one 14 year old minor, unknown, from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), insulting, theft of personal belongings

Police involved: Seven Croatian police officers wearing blue uniforms with Croatian flags, two police cars, one police

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Taken to a police station?: yes

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

On January 1 5, 2019, a group of ten crossed the Serbian-Croatian border by foot from Sombor (SRB) at a river . Shortly after, seven Croatian officers with two police cars arrested them.

Minutes after apprehending the group of ten, around 10 pm, the officers turned violent towards them.

"They beat us, all the officers."

Afterwards, they were brought to a nearby police station where a second episode of violence occurred. The officers accused the respondent of being the boss of the group and a smuggler. Then, they stole the charger of his phone and his lighter. There was no possibility for the individuals to ask for asylum.

Straight after, the group of ten was pushed-back to Serbia.