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## **"HE PLEDGED THE POLICE 'NOT TO BEAT MIGRANTS, WE ARE HUMANS, NOT ANIMALS', WITHOUT ANY RESPONSE AND THE VIOLENCE CONTINUED."**

**Date and time:** November 10, 2017 00:00

**Location:** Slovenia, Apsevc

**Coordinates:** 45.050394 , 19.101044

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

**Demographics:** person(s), age: , from:

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** catchment: 4, examination and detention: several, transportation: 4 Croatian male police in blue uniforms, violence: several Croatian male border police in black uniforms, big police van

**Taken to a police station?:**

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:**

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

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

*5 men, 17, 25, 26, 20, 30 years old, from Afghanistan*

5 men from Afghanistan walked across the Serbian-Croatian border from Šid, Serbia and continued in air condition cooling truck. They had travelled about four hours and crossed Croatian-Slovenian border in freezing container before making noises in order to make the driver release them. Even though the men pledged the driver not to call police, the driver did, so 4 Croatian police officers came (45.050394, 19.101044). The police asked the men for their personal details, how they came to Croatia and their destination. The men expressed the intention to seek for asylum, and explained their difficult situation (right for international protection, preference to transit several countries not responding to their rights as asylum applicants, incapability of Serbia to offer adequate refuge and often extreme attempts to cross the borders). The police denied these pledges and declared the deportation to Serbia in arrogant and angry manner. One of the men asked to enter Slovenia for asking for asylum there. The police denied again and called other police men with police van to pick them up and to transport them to police station in a Croatian town. The men again expressed the intention to apply for asylum. The officers collected their personal details and other information and put them for detention in a cell for the rest of the night and next morning (11<sup>th</sup> November). Saturday afternoon the men were asked to fill in deportation papers, after that they were transported by a police van driven by 4 police to Serbian-Croatian border where several border police committed the violence the same day about at 4.30 pm. The police released the men from the van one by one in a queue and at the same time treated them with violence one after another. They kicked the men and hit them with hands and stick (long thin black with armrest) to all body parts. The treatment lasted a few minutes per each of the men, and all the men were treated badly. Overall the police seemed very angry and behaved disrespectfully, especially the one beating the interviewed man. He pledged the police "not to beat migrants, we are humans, not animals", without any response. After that the men ran to Serbian side and walked back to Sid, Serbia,

where they arrived the same evening about at 7 pm.

**Injuries:**

The men had pain in several body parts. The interviewed one got beaten to left thigh and leg so much that he couldn't walk properly the following days. After deportation the stress due to intensive journey (several days walking without nourishment enough, staying for hours in air condition cooling truck, attempts with the police, detention, physical and verbal maltreatment, deprivation of basic human rights and finally, disappointment of deportation) escalated to anxiety attack.

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