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"THEY SAID: "SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP!"

Date and time: September 11, 2018 23:45

Location: Croatia, 20km from Velika Kladuša

Coordinates: 45.2587938313759 , 15.556693024023389

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Croatian police, six officers wearing black commando uniforms

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: No

Reported by: Rigardu

ORIGINAL REPORT

The group walked in the woodland of the Croatian countryside for one full day. At night they camped with the little possessions they had, approximately 20km into from Velika Kladuša. The men had made a small fire to keep off the cold but as a police officer detected the flames a patrol arrived at their location. At a nearby track, two cars pulled up, carrying six officers in black commando uniforms. They shouted to the men:

“Sit down and shut up.”

When one of the members of the group asked the police for asylum they replied:

“No, you go (back to Bosnia)!”

The persons' bags and pockets were checked. The six officers worked to remove all their belongings. Then the group had to get into a combi and was driven for fifteen minutes. When they got out from the van they realised they were back at the Maljevac crossing from which they had been departed. The officers told them to walk back into Bosnian territory. At this point the police returned their mobiles, but they kept the power banks, headphones and cables they had taken.