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"THE MINORS WERE TREATED AND BEATEN THE SAME AS THE ADULTS"

Date and time: September 28, 2017 00:00

Location: Županja, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.108423 , 18.524511

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 11 person(s), age: 13-21 , from: Afghanistan, Pakistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, electric shock, destruction of personal belongings

Police involved: 6 male men in Croatian uniforms

Taken to a police station?: unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of 11 people on the move were caught about 70km. from the Serbian-Croatian border, at a petrol station near Zupanja in Croatia. They were deported near Batrovci (Serbia). The police asked about their nationality, after which the first incidence of violence occurred. The police beat all of the men, with fists and kicked them. The police asked "who can speak English" and beat the ones who could not, even more. The interviewee asked for water without response from the police.

The group was then transported to a deportation place at the border, in one police van and two police cars, after arriving there the second incident of violence occurred. The police beat them with sticks (long black with handrest), fists and kicked them on all parts of their body, and also administered electric shocks to the men. The border police searched the men and checked their baggage. They broke the screens of their phones with sticks, but no belongings were confiscated. 4 of the 6 police officers took part in the beating of the men, and beat them one by one as they were released from the van. The minors were treated and beaten the same as the adults. The Men expressed their intention to seek asylum and explained their situation in Serbia, but the police told them: "no asylum, fuck it, go back to Serbia". Afterwards the men ran to the Serbian side and walked back to Sid. The police had beaten the right knee of the interviewee badly. A few days later he still couldn't properly move his leg and had to walk with crutches.