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"THEY CAUGHT THE WOMEN FIRST AND THE CHILDREN, SO ALL THE MEN WENT BACK TO THEM."

Date and time: March 29, 2019 00:00

Location: Glina, Croatia, on the blue bridge in Glina

Coordinates: 45.3382624 , 16.090970900000002

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Bosnia

Demographics: 7 person(s), age: 9, 12, 14, 25, 31, unknown , from: Syria, Tunisia

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: insulting, destruction of personal belongings

Police involved: 6 who detected the people on the move and 3 who deported them

Taken to a police station?: yes

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

After having been on the move for four days, the group of seven people on the move, including a family with three underage children, were caught by the authorities on a blue bridge in the city of Glina, Croatia. The Croatian officers first caught the woman and her children, so the three men who were traveling with them decided to return to the police as well.

"They caught the women first and the children, so all the men went back to them."

At first, there was one big police car, but soon after two other police cars arrived. There were six officers, four of them wearing blue uniforms and two in civilian clothing. All of them carried guns. When the officers detected the group, they told them that they were illegal in Croatia and therefore needed to go back to Bosnia. They asked them if they had knives or other weapons with them or money. The people on the move denied all. Then, the officers took their phones. The group of seven asked for asylum and the officers answered, that they would get asylum in Croatia.

The group had to enter a van and was brought to a parking lot in front of a police station where they had to stay inside the van. Three other officers drove them to the Bosnian border. They returned their phones, however, the group discovered that someone charge inputs were broken.

It was around 1.00 am when the people on the move were deported to a spot in the middle of the woods. They walked for seven kilometers until they decided to sleep outside in the woods that night. On the next morning they were able to get a bus back to Velika Kladusa.

One of the respondents mentioned:

"The worst is, the police does not care about the well being or safety of the children nor the woman."

