## "THE POLICE TOOK THEIR PHONES AND BROKE THEM"

Date and time: September 10, 2018 17:00

Location: Croatien, near to Ogulin

Coordinates: 45.29902761734411, 15.099141092397758

Push-back from: Push-back to:

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

Minors involved? No

Violence used:

Police involved: Croatian police, ten officers wearing black commando uniforms, four officers wearing sky blue

uniforms

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**

The group concerned in this incident was made up of nine Syrians. They had been walking for four days until they were captured. Having reached around 100km into the Croatian interior they were observed walking in some light wooded area at approximately 5pm on Monday (10th Sept). They were initially detected by two officers dressed in black. They ordered the men to stop and sit down. Within ten minutes many more police officerrs arrived on the scene. The victims identified two combis and a patrol car. There were five police men dressed in sky blue uniforms and another eight in black commando uniforms. The group was frisked and got all their belongings removed. The men asked for asylum several times, but their requests were totally ignored or responded with shouting by the officers. From the roadside they were loaded into one of the combis (all nine people in 1vehicle). It drove them for around 2.5 hours.

When the van stopped, the back doors were opened and the officers told them to go. The group asked about their possessions, but the police took the phones from the car and broke them with batons in front of their owners.