

The following testimonies were collected by members of Medical Volunteers International and Collective Aid in Northern Serbia. They describe incidents of violence against people on the move perpetrated by Serbian and foreign officers present in the region (German, Austrian and Italian). They were collected between the months of January and May 2023.

Date?	25.01.2023	
Police involved?	Nationality	German, Austrian, and Serbian.
	Uniform	Int. Police wearing Frontex armbands.
	Vehicles	German White and Blue Land Rover Discovery with "POLIZEI" written on the side.
What happened?	The respondent reported that every time the German and Serbian police visit the squat (informal settlement) they destroy their belongings such as their tents and phones. Sometimes they arrest people, put them on buses and transport them to transit centres in Preševo, but this is not all of the time. The respondent confirmed the identity of the officers by pointing to the pictures of German and Austrian Frontex officers and vehicles.	
Extra info?	This is reportedly still happening at least every other day, if not sometimes every day.	

Date?	15.03.2023	
Police involved?	Nationality	German and Serbian.
	Uniform	Int. Police wearing Frontex armbands.
	Vehicles	1x German White and Blue Land Rover Discovery with "Polizei" written on the side. 1x Serbian (description of vehicle unknown)
What happened?	On the 15th of March 2023, the police, including 2 vehicles, one Serbian and one German police car came to the living site of currently approximately 15-20 People on the Move in a small Northern Serbian village. According to the respondent, they destroyed everything (tents etc.) and acted with physical violence against the PoM. None of them were taken that day.	

	<p>The respondent reported that he got beaten by German police officers as well. He reported an injury of beating in his abdomen and showed a mark in his face.</p> <p>According to his statements he got both injuries from German police officers. He reported that this had not been the first time, but they (mainly Serbian and German, Austrian and Italian police) had been coming often in the past days, destroying stuff, beating people and also committing theft. He told me that many phones were taken and that the victims were then told they could get them back only in the exchange of money.</p>
Extra info?	

Date?	07.04.2023	
Police involved?	Nationality	German, Italian and Serbian.
	Uniform	Int. Police wearing Frontex armbands.
	Vehicles	<p>Approximately 10 vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● German White and Blue Volkswagen Tiguan with "POLIZEI" written on the side. ● Serbian Standard Tour Bus ● Serbian White and Blue Police Car ● Navy Serbian Police Van ● (Rest unknown)
What happened?	<p>On the 7th April, 10 vehicles (Serbian and German) arrived to an informal settlement where people on the move in Northern Serbia live. The respondent reported that German and Italian officers were present when Serbian police destroyed the living structures and belongings of the people on the move. They used knives to slash the tents where people sleep at night. They did this after they arrested everyone. They also destroyed the stoves used to heat the structures by kicking them and using knives to pierce wholes into them. The respondent also reported that German and Italian police were present when Serbian police officers beat</p>	



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	<p>individuals with batons before forcibly placing them on large buses. The pictures below were taken after the settlement had been evicted. They show the destruction caused by Serbian police in the presence of German and Italian officers. The respondent verified the nationality of the officers by describing the Frontex badge, German vehicles, uniforms of the officers and confirmed them by referring to them on photos we showed. The respondent was particularly aware of what the vehicles and officers look like because these Frontex officers and vehicles were frequently visiting the settlement before and driving past it.</p>
Extra info?	