





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.			

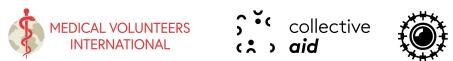






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	The respondent reported that he got beaten by German
	police officers as well. He reported an injury of beating
	in his abdomen and showed a mark in his face.
	According to his statements he got both injuries from
	German police officers. He reported 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.
Extra info?	

Date?		07.04.2023			
Police involved?	Nationality	German, Italian and Serbian.			
	Uniform	Int. Police wearing Frontex armbands.			
	Vehicles	Approximately 10 vehicles.			
		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?		On the 7 th 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			







	individuals wit	th batons b	efore forcibly	placing them on
	large buses. T	he pictures	below were	taken after the
	settlement ha	d been evid	cted. They sho	ow the destruction
	caused by Ser	bian police	in the preser	nce of German and
	Italian officers	s. The resp	ondent verifie	d the nationality
	of the officers	by describ	ing the Fronte	ex badge, German
	vehicles, unifo	orms of the	officers and o	confirmed them by
	referring to th	em on pho	tos we showe	ed. The respondent
	was particular	ly aware of	f what the vel	nicles and officers
	look like beca	use these F	rontex officer	rs and vehicles
	were frequent	ly visiting t	the settlemen	t before and
	driving past it			
Extra info?				