Šid – solidary visit to the refugees at the border between Serbia and Croatia

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On our way back from Lovas (Croatia) where we participated in commemorating 27 years since the crime in Lovas (on 10/18/1991 Serbian armed formations killed 70 civilians of Croatian nationality) the three of us (Stefan, Violeta, Staša) went to Šid, to the place between the bus and the train station. At a nearby field we saw dozens of completely exhausted men from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Iran, India… They were sitting, most of them sleeping, in groups divided according to their ethnicities. All of them told us that they were deported from Croatia for who knows what time. And that they will try to cross the border again… And of course, we wished them luck by saying ‘Inshallah’, which is what the refugees usually say.

We also saw a woman and a man activist from the Center for Aiding the Asylum Seekers, they told us that they come to Šid twice a week, they offer them support, they write down the cases of violence against the refugees/migrants while crossing the border.

The refugees/migrants in Šid also stay in a self-organized camp in an abandoned company called ‘Grafosprem’.

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