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Please find additional operational info on the serious incident that took place yesterday evening in the area of BCU Sredets received from the Bulgarian LCC Coordinator in Elhovo.

“On 15.10.2015 at around 21.45 hrs a police patrol from BCU Sredets has spotted a big group of migrants. After have seen the police migrants disobeyed the police orders. Then one of police officers was firing a warning shot. As a result one of the migrants was shot and has died in the vehicle of Ambulance. The case is under monitoring of District Prosecution of Burgas. The body was transported to forensic Medicine in Burgas.”

No involvement of Frontex deployed GO. We will update you in case new relevant information has been obtained.

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Subject: 5968/2015 Afghan migrant shot dead by Bulgarian Border Police

Flash News - **Afghan' man shot dead at Bulgaria border** - - OS information

On the night of 15.10.2015 a migrant thought to be Afghan was shot dead by a Bulgarian border guard after entering the country from Turkey.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34546723>

<http://sofiaglobe.com/2015/10/16/afghan-migrant-shot-dead-by-bulgarian-border-police-near-turkish-border/>



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Serious Incident Report

Subject	Afghan migrant shot by Bulgarian Border Police
Joint Operation	JO Flexible Operational Activities 2015 Land / SE
Location	Sredets, BULGARIA
Incident date/time	15/10/2015 21:45
Finding date/time	16/10/2015
Source of information	LCC Elhovo, NFPOC Bulgaria
Reporting unit/person	JO Flexible Operational Activities 2015 land – project team

1. Fact of the case

Information provided by LCC Elhovo on 16.10.2015.

On 15.10.2015 at around 21.45 hrs a police patrol from BCU Sredets spotted a big group of migrants. After the police was seen, migrants disobeyed the police orders. Then one of police officers was firing a warning shot. As a result one of the migrants was shot and has died in the vehicle of Ambulance. The case is under monitoring of District Prosecution of Burgas. The body was transported to forensic Medicine in Burgas.

Updated information provided by NFPOC Bulgaria on 22.10.2015.

The case is being currently investigated by the District Prosecution in Burgas. While pre-trial proceedings take place, there is no authorization any kind of information to be disseminated.

All that is known is the information posted by the press-center of Ministry of Interior (Mol) - Bulgaria. In addition, the illegal migrants are all Afghans. Migrants have been 54 altogether - all of them men, on a visible age between 20 and 30. The spot where the migrants crossed through is a rugged terrain in a woodland covered by the IBSS. There were 3 police officers. When they tried to detain them under a certain bridge, the illegal migrants had shown aggressive behavior. They rendered resistance and disrespected the police officers. Therefore, as a response to the escalating situation, one of the officers fired a warning shot. As a result of a rebound (ricochet) the below-mentioned sorrowful accident has happened. It is also notable to be added that the police officers are not young and have a quite long working experience within the Mol of Bulgaria.

2. Measures

LCC Coordinator from Elhovo informed FOA operational team. The Bulgarian authorities investigate the case. Process is ongoing.

3. Assessment

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The officer responsible for the incident was exculpated by the court. The conclusion of the prosecution is that the deed does not represent a criminal offence.