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GREECE ACCUSED OF DEPLOYING AFGHAN PARAMILITARIES TO ATTACK ASYLUM SEEKERS

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Allegations Greece deployed an armed Afghan paramilitary unit to violently assault a group of 61 mostly-Turkish nationals seeking political asylum have raised alarm within the EUs border agency, Frontex.

A report by the agency's fundamental rights officer, Jonas Grimheden, alleges that an Afghan unit, operating under the supervision of three Greek officers, robbed, stabbed and beat the group of newly arrived migrants on 22 June 2023 at the Greek Evros river with Turkey.

The report says children were subjected to sexualised body searches, a pregnant woman was kicked in the stomach, while others tried to escape amid shots being fired.

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