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Repression and Violation of Human Rights in Sanjak

In the past 20 years, the most of the murders of Montenegro have been committed in Bijelo Polje. The county of Bijelo Polje has about 60,000 inhabitants, half of these are Muslims and the rest are Montenegrinians and Serbs. According to the Ministry of home affairs No. 143 / 1 of 28/02/91 no Muslims murdered a Serb or Montenegrinian. While Serbs and Montenegrinians respectively murdered 12 Muslims during that period of time.

August 1 1979

On the Slijepac bridge by Bijelo Polje Tmislav Mrdak fired one round from his TT pistol 7.62 mm at the victim Senad Idrizovic and killed him instantly. The court believes that the murder was committed while the offender was under the influence of alcohol. The offender was sentenced to 15 years prison.

September 2 1984

In a restaurant "Brskovo" at the bus station located in the center of Bijelo Polje, Milovan Poleksic a Serbian, without provocation opened fire on the victim Bajram Idrizovic from his CZ pistol 7.62 mm killing the victim instantly. The court held that this murder was unprovoked and sentenced the offender to 3 years and 6 months of prison.

November 16 1984

In the nighttime, Marko Femic and Milic Cabarkapa carried out the premeditated murder of the victim Murat Mulalic. They struck Mulalic with hollow but firm metal object. The court held that the premeditated murder was a murder of passion and sentenced the offenders 20 and 15 years respectively.

Month and day unknown 1985

According to Rafet Licina's mother Hajrija, the victim Licina was incarcerated in a prison located in the town of Spuz near Titograd, Montenegro in 1985. He was serving a 1 year sentence for minor theft. Also serving in the same period was located Marko Femic for the murder of previously mentioned victim Murat Mulalic. Marko Femic often physically threatened Rafet Licina. One day Femic forced Licina and others in the prison to turn on all of the machinery in the prison workshop so as to create a diversion so Femic could escape. Femic did succeed in escaping due to the diversion. Afterwards the prison officials rented their rage upon Rafet Licina who was killed due to the torture he received. The body of Rafet Licina was sealed in a metal box and buried under the supervision of armed guards. The victim's mother never received written confirmation about the death of her son. She was told by the prison authorities that he committed suicide by hanging himself.

Month and day unknown 1986

According to Muslim representative to the Bijelo Polje city council Ibrahim Sahman the victim Jonuz Mahmutovic was killed by Ranko Novovic of the village Bistrice in the Bijelo Polje district. The court authorities have claimed that a Muslim was also involved in the murder. According to the Muslim representative Sahman the Muslim was added as an offender so as to make it seem as if this was not a ethnically motivated murder. The alleged Muslim offender's last name was Pilica. The offenders were sentenced to 2,5 years of prison respectively. In response to these murders the Muslim SDA party representatives formulated a response and presented it to the members of the Montenegrinian Parliament. The response wanted to bring attention to the repression being committed upon the Muslims and show how this

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repression has been going on for a long period of time. Furthermore, they wanted to point out the patience and passiveness of the Muslim population in response to these murders. The response was undersigned by Harun Hadzic, Rasim Sahman, Rasim Gorcevic, Rifat Veskovac, Zaim Cindrak, Dr. Selver Medjedovic and Cazim Lukac. This brought forth strong protest from the Serbian and Montenegrinian members of Parliament. Also the President of the Montenegrinian Presidency Momir Bulatovic called for an investigation into the response issued by the Muslim representatives, and that the Muslim representatives be sentenced for disturbing the peace and order. The Muslim representatives were found to be guilty and publicly sanctioned. This took place in the Montenegrinian Parliament on the 4 April 1991. The Muslim representatives protested that never before were members of Parliament sanctioned for bringing forth a measure. Nor were their appeals of immunity a members of parliament heeded. On the contrary, the proposal for the members to be sanctioned was urged to be passed by the Serbian and Montenegrinian members.

31 January 1988

In a cafe "Dolina mira" in the village of Ravna Rijeka near Bijelo Polje Obrad Sindjic stabbed Mirsad Brzac twice in the left side of the body thus killing him. The court held that the offender committed the murder under influence of alcohol. The offender was sentenced to 6 years prison.

31 January 1990

On the Sloboda street in Bijelo Polje Milinko Tomic fired multiple shots from his CZ 7,65 mm pistol at Sead hajdarpasic. The court held that the murder was premeditated. The offender intended to kill the victims brother Kemal who was involved in a traffic accident with the offenders nephew, which resulted in the death of the nephew of the offender. Kemal Hajdarpasic was sentenced for that traffic accident and served his time in prison. The court sentenced the offender Milinko Tomic to 15 years in prison.

2 August 1990

In the Bijelo Polje suburb of Ljesnica Miljan Spanjevic struck multiple blows to the head of Dzibo Omerovic with a pole thus killing the victim who was a resident of Potkrajica near Bijelo Polje. The court held that the victim and offender did not know each other. The offender was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

22 October 1990

Risto Sebek invited Smajo Fulurija into his home for coffee and when the offender ordered the victim to kiss the picture of Slobodan Milosevic and the victim refused, the offender fired three shots from his hunting weapon which hit the victim. This was told by the victim to his relatives during teen days after he was wounded prior to his death as a result of the wounds sustained from the CZ 16 mm weapon. The court held that there was no motive for the murder and sentenced the offender to 12 years in prison.

20 April 1991

Only 16 days after the protest by the Muslim members of Parliament, Vojislav Lalevic also called "Migo" from the Bijelo Polje suburb of Nikoljac killed and mutilated body of Mirsada Hajdaragic a girl of 14 years of age, the offender then hid the body in the basement of the hotel Sanjak. The body was found three days later. At the time of this writing it is not known to the Sanjak Committee on the Protection of Human Rights of a court proceeding has been undertaken by the authorities.

Day unknown June 1991

Igor Kljajic and Miljan Djukic before nightfall at a gas station just outside the center of Bijelo Polje murdered Fikret Medjedovic by firing two shots from their hunting weapon. At the time of this writing the Sanjak Committee on the Protection of Human Rights has not been able to find out if and court proceedings have taken place of what the official motive of the murder was.

12 October 1991

At about 2 p.m., Dzemo Kasumovic and Radosav Milic were having a dispute in the Sloboda Street near the Hotel Sanjak. Kasumovic was hit on his head by Milic. Kasumovic fell on the floor and hit hurt his face. Kasumovic died instantly. According to the court the victim and the murderer did not know each other. The motive for the murder, according to the court, was the momentarily arisen dispute. Until the report of the Ministry of home affairs the process have not been terminated. Inofficially, however, it is known that Milic was sentenced to imprisonment of three years.

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