



Twenty Years After the Genocide in Srebrenica

This year is the twentieth anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide – the biggest crime committed on European territory since the Second World War. In July 1995, armed forces of the Republika Srpska, headed by The Hague indictee Ratko Mladić, occupied Srebrenica, which at the time was a United Nations safe area. The Milošević regime provided full military, logistical, financial and political assistance to the Bosnian Serb forces. According to official statistics, 8,372 Bosniaks were killed, and families continue to search for the remains of around 10,000 people.

This year, on every eleventh day of the month, the Women in Black are organizing peaceful demonstrations to express empathy and solidarity with, and responsibility towards, the victims of the Srebrenica genocide; and to highlight the fact that within the public domain, negation, denial and minimization of the genocide in Srebrenica remain highly prevalent.

We demand that 11th July is officially declared as the Day of Remembrance of the Genocide in Srebrenica, in accordance with the 2009 Resolution of the European Parliament. This is an essential prerequisite for society and the State to publicly acknowledge and accept the facts of the crime that was perpetrated “in our name”. This is our debt towards the victims and the survivors of the genocide.

All of this year’s activities of the Women in Black relating to the Srebrenica genocide are being undertaken under the title:

“20 Years After the Srebrenica Genocide – Let us Remember”

Some of these activities are being organized in conjunction with various cultural societies in Serbia, together with peace organizations from Sarajevo, other towns in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the town of Kotor in Montenegro.

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Plan of Events, June-July 2015

11 June, Belgrade, 12.00-13.00, park in front of the Presidency of Serbia – Peaceful action **“Let us Proclaim 11th July as the Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide”**. There will be a silent vigil, with everyone dressed in black, and a performance entitled **“Look at Yourself Serbia! Twenty Years – Twenty Mirrors”**. Taking part in this performance will be The Women in Black, the Dah Theatre Company, the Autonomous Women’s Centre and the Women’s Reconstruction Fund. There will also be a public reading of an open letter **“Let us Proclaim 11th July as the Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide”**. This letter will be delivered to the President of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and to the National Parliament earlier in the day (10.00-11.30).

7 July, Belgrade, 19.00-20.00 – Peaceful action **“Srebrenica in Serbia – A Stumbling Block”** – in Srebrenica street.

8 July-10 July – Peaceful bike ride Belgrade-Srebrenica 2015 – the route will encompass Belgrade, Obrenovac, Šabac, Loznica, Little Zvornik, Bratunac and Potočari (next to Srebrenica), covering approximately 220 kilometres. This is an international event.

10 July, Belgrade, 12.00-13.00 – Peaceful action **“Let us Proclaim 11th July as the Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide”**. This will take place in front of the Serbian Presidency.

10 July, Belgrade, 19.30-20.30, Square of the Republic – there will be a silent vigil, with everyone wearing black, and the screening of a documentary film **“The Women of Srebrenica Speak”** (17 minutes). There will also be a performance by the Women in Black and the Dah Theatre Company entitled **“They Left a Stain on Us”**.

11 July, Solidarity and Responsibility – visit to the Memorial Centre in Potočari by female and male activists from the Network of the Women in Black in Serbia, the International Network of the Women in Black and other organizations.

We will Never Forget the Srebrenica Genocide!

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Peaceful Bike Ride – Belgrade-Srebrenica 2015

This year, the Women in Black are organizing a peaceful bike ride from Belgrade to Srebrenica, in remembrance of the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica. This event has an international character, and men and women from a variety of different countries will take part in it as a way of demonstrating their support for the victims and for peace. The bike ride will take place over three days, and the participants will ride from **Belgrade to Obrenovac, Šabac, Loznica, Little Zvornik, Bratunac and Potočari (next to Srebrenica)**. The route will cover approximately 220 kilometres.

This event will be promoted during June and the beginning of July through public discussions and the screening of various documentary films in Kragujevac, Novi Sad, Belgrade and other towns in Serbia.

*** 8 July, Belgrade** – departure at 9am in front of the City Cultural Centre (Savamala) in Belgrade;

*** 8 July, Šabac**, 18.00-19.00, main city square – Peaceful action **“Let us Remember – Twenty Years after the Genocide in Srebrenica”**. Taking part in this event will be male and female cyclists, female activists from the Women in Black, the International Network of the Women in Black from Belgium, Italy and Spain, as well as male and female representatives from international institutions and embassies in Serbia;

***9 July, Loznica**, 18.00, main city square – Peaceful action. Cyclists, the Women in Black and international activists will be involved in this event.

***10 July** – male and female cyclists will continue their journey from Loznica, via Little Zvornik and Bratunac, and in the evening they will arrive in Potočari. There they will meet with individuals taking part in the peaceful march “Road from Death to Freedom”, which will take place in the Srebrenica area (from Nezuk to Potočari). On the same evening, there will be a meeting with women from Srebrenica;

***11 July** – participation in the commemorations at Potočari, before returning to Belgrade with activists from The Women in Black.

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