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Street actions: **Street actions:** In this reporting period we organized six (6) events, and we also actively participated in other street actions:

During this period, the amount of activities was reduced due to the pandemic virus COVID 19, one of the largest natural disasters that has ever affected the entire planet. However, the pandemic permeates all dimensions of life: health, political, social, economic, gender, security; it has shaken all of humanity, with unforeseeable consequences and challenges.

State of emergency was imposed in Serbia, unconstitutionally, without Parliament, on March 15, 2020. COVID 19 pandemia was used as an excuse for mass violation of human rights, unlawful detentions, brutal suppression of independent media, political prosecution, intensification of militarization of the state and the society. Pandemia hits the most vulnerable – all the poor, especially Roma people, refugees and of course women.

Commemoration/markings of important dates of crimes committed in our name, as well as other crimes against civilian population, during and after the wars, on the territory of former Yugoslavia:

Belgrade, February 27th

Belgrade, February 27th „We Remember Crime in Štrpci - 27.02.1993.-27.02.2020“ - On the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the crime in Štrpci, Women in Black, organized a protest in black and silence, on February 27th, 2020.

The following banners were raised:

- *From here, the train of death 671 departed*
- *The train stopped at 15.48*
- *We remember crime in Štrpci - 27.02.1993 – 27.02.2020*
- *The names of the abducted passengers: Esad Kapetanović, Ilijaz Ličin, Fehim Bakija, Šećo Softić, Rifat Husović, Halil Zupčević, Senad Đečević, Jusuf Rastoder, Ismet Babačić, Tomo Buzov, Adem Alomerović, Muhedin Hanić, Safet Preljević, Džafer Topuzović, Rasim Ćorić, Fikret Memović, Fevzija Zeković, Nijazim Kajević, Zvezdan Zuličić*



The event was attended by twenty (20) activists of the Humanitarian Law Center, the Youth Initiative for Human Rights from Belgrade.



Prijepolje, 27. februar

Prijepolje, February 27th –In front of the memorial plaque in Prijepolje, the 27th anniversary of the crime in Strpci was marked. Activist of women’s association Women of Polimlje from Prijepolje (Serbia) and Bona Fide from Pljevlja (Montenegro), both part of the Women in Black network, together with families of victims, paid tribute to victims of crimes in Strpci.

Belgrade, April 23rd – Why?

Belgrade, April 23rd – Why?, commemorative event on the occasion of the 21th anniversary of the killing of 16 workers of Radio Television Serbia / RTS: activists of Women in Black, at 14:06, joined 16 families of RTS workers expressing to them solidarity and compassion. This event took place in front of the monument “Why” in Tasmajdan park.

**FEMINIST, ANTI – FASCIST, ANTI – WAR,
ANTI – RACIST, ANTI – MILITARIST ACTIONS:**

We list them chronologically:

Kruševac, January 29th and February 21th „ Justice for Maria Lukic“ – protests in front of the Basic Court in Krusevac in solidarity with Marija Lukic, a victim of sexual harassment committed by Milutin Jelacic Jutka, the former mayor of Brus. Marija Lukic filed a criminal complaint against him in 2018, after Jutka had been sending her thousands of text messages during the period of two years while she was employed as his secretary. The court process ended in May 2019 at the Basic Court in Brus, but Lukic’s lawyer asked for the process to be moved to the Basic Court in Krusevac after the attacks on Lukic. Women in Black participated in the protests together with the Women’s Association of Pescanik from Krusevac.

Belgrade, March 8th

Belgrade, March 8th „Feminism forward, patriarchy back“ - On the occasion of March 8 - International Women’s Day, Women in Black organized a street action on March 8, 2020, in Belgrade’s Republic Square, under the name *Feminism Forward, Patriarchy Back*.





The following banners were raised at the protest:



- *Feminism forward, patriarchy back*
- *8 March - International Women's Day*
- *Arise, oppressed in the world*
- *Work, not hunger, food, not weapons*
- *Neither the maids, nor the slaves, but the laborers and girlfriends*
- *For women's labor rights*
- *My body, my autonomy*

In collaboration with the Hleb Theater, the stage action „*It's your fault/ Ti si kriv*“ Zagreb and Belgrade feminists have sung and adapted the text of Chilean song „*Violador en tu camino/Rapist on Your Way*“.

It's your fault!

The patriarchy judges us
 Because we are women
 He says: be good
 Or afraid of me

Every day endangered
 Just because we are women
 Beaten, stabbed
 And blamed for that

I'm not guilty I'm not alone
 I speak now without shame

Every day endangered
 Just because we are women
 Rape, killed
 And blamed for that

I'm not guilty I'm not alone
 I speak now without shame

It's your fault
It's your fault

State is guilty
System is guilty
Church is guilty
President is guilty

I'm not guilty I'm not alone
I speak now without shame!

The protest was attended by about a hundred activists (**100**).

DEALING WITH THE PAST TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE A FEMINIST APPROACH

This is one of the most important activities of Women in Black. It consists of a number of segments: street actions, workshops, lectures, creation of different models of transitional justice from a feminist point of view, cooperation with related organizations in the form of joint actions (campaigns, consultative meetings).

Visiting the places of crimes committed in our name, as well as other crimes against the civilian population during the war in the former Yugoslavia:

**January 15th,
Vukovar/Croatia:**

January 15th, Vukovar/Croatia: visit to Vukovar remembrance sites organized by Documenta – Centre for Dealing With the Past, Zagreb. In this event around **50** activists participated from Croatia, B&H, EU and Serbia (Staša Zajović, WiB). This event was organized in the framework of an international peace conference.

**February 11th
Srebrenica**

February 11th, Srebrenica/Potočari (Bosnia and Herzegovina): participation in a commemorative event together with the mothers of Srebrenica, who every 11th of the month organize the remembrance of their loved ones killed during the genocide in Srebrenica. WiB activists, together with activists from Spain, visited Nura Mustafic and Refija Hadzibulic, survivors of genocide and witnesses at the Women's Court, in the village of Bajramovici near Srebrenica.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE CRIMES – THE PATH TO JUST PEACE: MONITORING THE TRIALS AT THE SPECIAL COURT

Trial for the war crime in Štrpci – on February, 27th 1993, the train on the Belgrade-Bar railroad number 671 was raided at the station of Štrpci, when the members of the military formation Osvetnici (Avengers), operating as part of the Višegrad brigade of

the Army of Republika Srpska, abducted **20** persons from the train (18 passengers of Bosnian nationality, one passenger of Croatian nationality, citizen of the Republic of Yugoslavia and one unidentified person), took them to the village of Mušići first, and from there to the village of Prelovo, in the community of Višegrad, where they were killed. So far, the remains of four people have been found.

For this crime were accused: Gojko Lukić, Ljubiša Vasiljević, Duško Vasiljević, Jovan Lipovac and Dragana Đekić.

In this reporting period, four (**4**) hearings were held: January 27 and 28; February 19 and March 2.

Mico Jovicic testified at the two main hearings (January 27 and 28). He is the first one to link all the accused with the committed crimes. He also located at the scene of the crime all those against whom proceedings are being conducted before the court in Sarajevo. According to the plea agreement, this witness was sentenced to five years in prison for this crime before the court in Sarajevo, where he is serving his sentence. This hearing ended with a confrontation between this witness and the accused, each of whom maintained his testimony.

Trial for the crime in Kravica – before the War Crimes Chamber of the Special Court in Belgrade (killing 1313 Bosnian Muslims, within the Srebrenica genocide, on July 13, 1995).

(To remind: The Kravica crime indictment was brought at the beginning of 2016. This was the beginning of the most important trial at the High Court in Belgrade / Special Court, because it is a Srebrenica genocide. However, on 14 July 2017, the Court of Appeal ruled to annul the indictment for this crime, which is otherwise not qualified as a genocide, since it was raised at the time when the War Crimes Prosecutor's Office did not have a Chief Prosecutor. The trial continued in November 2017, and the hearings are continually delayed due to non-attendance of witnesses, inaction of the prosecution and the withdrawal of protected witnesses due to threats they receive).

In this reporting period, only one hearing was held: January 31.

In the continuation of the evidentiary procedure, two defense witnesses testified: Krstina Nikolic and Dobrila Stojanovic. Both witnesses stated that they did not know any of the accused. In short, their testimony served to defend the first defendant, Nedeljko Milidragovic.

All these sessions were attended by WiB activists, witnesses at Women's Court from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro together with the relatives of the killed – expressing them emotional, moral and political support.

(Reports from the above mentioned hearings can be found on the WiB website)

ARTISTIC ENGAGEMENT IN DEALING WITH THE PAST / TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

During this period, the practice of joint work and cooperation between art collectives, professional theaters, artists engaged in artistic design of resistance to war, war crimes, repression, human rights violations has continued. In addition to the aforementioned art-activist initiatives, primarily in the section "Street actions", in this reporting period we organized following events:

Belgrade, February 6th



Belgrade, February 6th "The nineties: a vocabulary of migrations in Serbia" – opening of the exhibition at the Museum of Yugoslavia attended by more than 30 modern artists who dealt with the issue of migrations, relocation of the population inside the former Yugoslav republics as a war consequence. The exhibition was organized in six parts and one of them showed the networks of solidarity. There was also an artistic/activist work presented called *"Dignity-Solidarity-Internationalism"* at the refugee camps (in Serbia during the 90's).

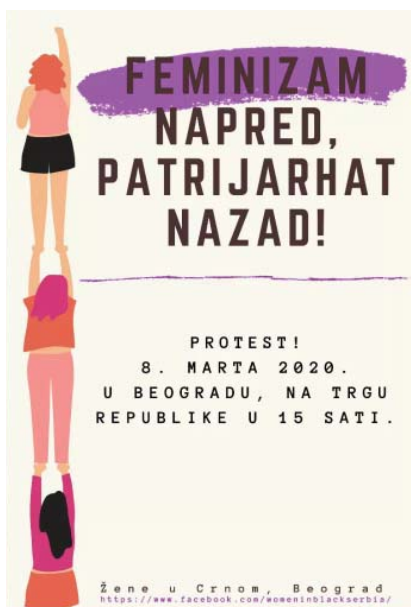
WiB organized a visit to the exhibition with curators of the Museum of Yugoslavia (Ana Panić and Simona Ognjanović) together with activists from Croatia, Spain and Serbia. The exhibition is open until March 1st, 2020.

Belgrade, March 8th

Belgrade, March 8 "Peace with a Woman's Face": opening of the exhibition in the Gallery of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights / YIHR organized by the ZDF Foundation (Belgrade and Sarajevo), 'Lara' Bijeljina, 'Horizonti' Tuzla, WiB and YIHR Belgrade).



VIDEO ACTIVISM: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE FEMINIST APPROACH



In order to improve the visibility of the effects of various models of transitional justice, especially those from the feminist point of view, a group of video activists was created in 2010, which was capable of recording, editing, digitizing and setting up on the Internet video and audio material collected during the regular activities of the WIB, in order to make it available to the general public in the form of short films.

During this reporting period, the group realized the following video materials:

„Feminism forward, Patriarchy Back“ (3:40 min.) – documentary movie on street actions on occasion of March 8 – International Women’s Day.

Žensko *sodišće* – *feministični pristop pravičnosti* (52 min.) – translation into Slovenian language of movie “Women’s Court – feminist approach to Justice” about W’sC in Sarajevo (May 7-10, 2015); director Filip Markovinović, production of WIB (2016.)

Sad Kobiocy – feministyczne podejscie do sprawiedliwosci – the same movie translated into Polish

WOMEN’S COURT – A FEMINIST APPROACH TO JUSTICE

We bring a brief report on the activities of Women in Black regarding the organization of the Women’s Court-the feminist approach to justice in this period. If you are interested in more information, you can find them on our web site www.zeneucrnom.org and www.zenskisud.org or contact us by mail: zeneucrnombeograd@gmail.com

The first Women’s Court on the territory of Europe was held in Sarajevo from 7th to 10th May 2015, organized by 10 women’s groups from the territory of the former Yugoslavia (Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa Enclaves, Cure Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Center for women victims of war, Center for Women’s Studies, Zagreb, Croatia, Center for Women and Peace Education Anima, Kotor, Montenegro, Gender Equality Council, Skopje, Macedonia, Women’s Lobby, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Center for Women’s Studies and Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia). The women’s court was attended by more than 500 people from all the countries of the former Yugoslavia, but also from Argentina, Algeria, Palestine, Israel, the United States, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, etc.

The final event in Sarajevo is not the end of the process, but on the contrary, the incentive to continue from the feminist perspective to the creation of new models of justice. It is an obligation first of all to the witnesses, but also the expression of our responsibility towards the huge burden of the recent past.

In the continuation of the process of the Women's Court, Women in Black, Belgrade coordinates program and other activities, with the support of organizations: Anima, Kotor (Montenegro), Center for Women Victims of War, Zagreb (Croatia), some members of the former Organizing Committee of the Women's Court who acted in the event in Sarajevo, participate sporadically (the Foundation CURE, Sarajevo) while the other members support activities without active participation.

During this reporting period, the following activities were organized:

I Public promotions of the Women's Court – a feminist approach to justice–regional and international level

Promotions / public presentations consist of the following segments:

- *What is the Women's Court? What is a feminist approach to justice?* The history and process of organizing the Women's Court - what is most often said by the organizers of the W'sC
- *Women's court - feminist approach to justice* (52 minutes) - screening of documentary film
- *The witnesses speak about their experience* of giving testimony at the Women's Court in Sarajevo (What Means Testimony on W'sC?, as well as participation in the continuation of the W'sC process)
- *Discussion with the audience* (Effects of the Women's Court, continuation of the W'sC process, problems most encountered in their environment) etc.

In this reporting period we organized one (1) public presentation:

**Ljubljana/Slovenia,
February 25th**

Ljubljana / Slovenia, February 25th: a public presentation was held at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, organized by prof. Dr. Jelka Zorn.

Witnesses who participated were: *Suvada Selimović* (B&H), *Mirjana Učakar* (Slovenia), *Jovanka Carević* and *Marica Šeatović* (Croatia), as well as organizers *Nela Pamuković* (Zagreb) and *Stasa Zajović* (Belgrade).

This event was attended by around **200** people, mostly students of the said faculty, professors, as well as members of the association 'Izbris' / Erased.

In the introductory part, Jelka Zorn spoke about places of





remembrance outside the national discourses, and especially referred to the 28th anniversary of 'Erasure'- ethnic cleansing in Slovenia (1992). This event was also organized, as one of the numerous activities of the Slovenian solidarity movements with the victims of the "Erased", as part of the commemoration of the anniversary of the crime. Then Nela P. spoke about the history and process of organizing W'sC and Staša Z. referred to the concept of feminist justice. In the introductory part, the witnesses spoke about their experiences in the process of organizing, as well as the continuation of the W'sC process, especially about the relations of solidarity and strength between them.

After that we played a documentary about the Women's Court in Slovenian (**Women's Court – Feminist Approach to Justice**) after which the audience asked questions about the experience of Suvada S. as a refugee in Slovenia during the 90s, about the importance of recognizing the crime / ethnic cleansing 'Erasure' in Slovenia, the feminist ethic of care and responsibility - the solidarity community of witnesses and other participants of W'sC; on the effects of the Court, on the methodology of the work of the Court, etc.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL – PROMOTIONS OF W'SC

Rome, February 15th

Rome, February 15th: International Meeting: The Truth of Women – Experiences and Practices of the Feminist Approach to Justice (*La verità delle donne – percorsi e pratiche di giustizia con un approccio femminista*) was held at the Women's House / Casa delle donne in Rome, organized by the Network of Women in Black in Italy (Rete italiana delle Donne in nero). The meeting consisted of the following sessions:

Experiences of justice - a feminist approach in Colombia and the Balkans

The following persons spoke at the meeting:

Kelly Echeverry Alzate, Ruta pacífica / Peace Path woman activist from Colombia, organizer of the Women's Commission for Truth and Memory, Colombia / Comisión de mujeres colombianas para la justicia y memoria; one of the authors of the edition 'The Truth of Women. Victims of armed conflict in Colombia (La verdad de las mujeres. Víctimas del conflicto armado en Colombia);

Stasa Zajovic, Women in Black, Belgrade, organizer of the Women's Court for the former Yugoslavia, one of the authors of the publication "Women's Court – a feminist approach to justice.

This session was attended by around **70** women: Women in Black Network activists from Italy, Spain, as well as other feminist activists, women scientists from all over Italy.



In addition to this session, others were held:

Women and justice – models, experiences and a critical approach to the Italian context (Donne e giustizia - modelli interpretative, esperienze e criticità nel contesto italiano) in which took part: Maria Acierno, judge of the Court of Cassation, expert in private law; Ilaria Boiano, lawyer, Anna Lorenzetti, constitutional law researcher at the University of Law in Bergamo.

II Feminist ethics of care and responsibility – Encounters in safe areas in which women speak publicly about traumas, and to strengthen mutual support, trust, friendship, involvement of a wider circle of women in the activities of the continuing process of the Women's Court.

In this period we organized:

January 25 and 26, Tuzla / BiH

January 25 and 26, Tuzla / BiH: WiB activists visited Reiha Avdic, a Srebrenica genocide survivor and witness at Women's Court. On that occasion, in addition to socializing, together we visited the refugees from the Middle East who are in Tuzla.

Feminist ethic of care and responsibility includes also:

Monitoring of war crimes

Monitoring of war crimes – Trials for war crimes before the Special Court in Belgrade: together with the relatives of the killed, the trials are followed by activists of the WiB (for this trial, you can find more information in this report in the section (Monitoring the trial at the Special Court).

During this period, witnesses who conducted legal proceedings (return of property, preparatory actions for war crimes proceedings) and in all cases were supported by female therapists, organizers and activists of the Women's Court.

III Joint Work Consultation Meetings – During this period, operational working meetings of organizations, experts, activists participating in the process continued.

IV Working Meetings of Women in Black: as holders of program activities in the continuation of the process of the W'sC, they held working meetings (reporting activities, preparation of publications on W'sC, documentation and archives of W'sC, preparation of regional meetings W'sC.

V Participation of witnesses in W'sC in educational activities of WiB: During this reporting period, witnesses at W'sC participated in numerous activities of the WiB Network: street actions; facing the past (visiting place of crimes, monitoring the trial, meeting women's solidarity), meetings of the Network, educational programs.

NETWORKS, COALITIONS – MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Women in Black are drivers or active participants of numerous regional networks, coalitions and associations, active participants in the activities of related organizations, in order to strengthen mutual support, solidarity, civil society and democracy in Serbia and the whole region.

During this period, a number of activities were realized, from which we highlight the following:

Women in Black Meeting, Vrnjačka Banja/Serbia, February 2020 – 7th, 8th, 9th

This meeting was attended by **44** activists from six (6) ex Yugoslavia countries:



First day of Network meeting: First day of Network meeting:

– *WiB Network activities in previous period* – information and analysis;
– *Art engaged* - documentaries by the Women in Black Video Activism Group produced since the previous Network meeting.

– *On feminisms in plural (Sobre los feminismos en plural)* – discussion by feminist activists from Spain: Nazaret Sanchez Oviedo and Maria Santiago, Madrid

– *On the tensions in Montenegro concerning the new adopted Law on Religious Freedom (Lino Veljak, Sabina Talović, Pljevlja and Esad Kočan, Podgorica, Ljupka Kovačević, Kotor...)*

Second day **Second day** – central issue was related to growing fascist tendencies, in few segments:

I session „What is fascism?“ – Basic notions on fascism, its emergence and manifestations; fascism and neoliberalism – on the link of neoliberalism and classical and contemporary “post-fascism” - lecture by prof. dr Lino Veljak, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb



II session – Mapping of extremist organisations in Serbia, presented by Marija Srđić, coordinator of Antifascist coalition of Vojvodina

„Banned“ – screening of documentary from 2016, 28 min. directed by Filip Vidojević and Darko Šper. The film tells that only two extremist rightwing, profascists organisations were banned (“Nacionalni stroj” i “Obraz”), in 2011 and 2012, which continued their activities under changed names.

III session „Growing of rightwing in Spain – citizens responding“ – report by activists from Spain Maria Santiago and Nazaret Sanchez

IV session “On extremisms”, presentation by Fahrudin Kladničanin, Academic initiative Forum 10, Novi Pazar/Serbia

V session “Serbia in the jaws of fascism” – on rehabilitation of war criminals from WW2 and manifestations of fascism today – screening of documentaries and debate

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

I part: International caravan of solidarity – encounter with activists from Spain of the international caravan of solidarity „Abriendo fronteras“ (Towards open borders): Nazaret Sanchez and Maria Santiago, and discussion of possibilities of organizing the caravan on the Balkans route.

II part: Streets belong to us – rebellions of women global wide – on the occasion of December 6th– International Day against Femicide (Chile, Italy, Belgrade...)

Presentation of books “Nema obale”, “Znali ste” and „Iza prašine“ – Esad Kočan, anti-war/antifascist comrade, dreamer-utopist, editor in chief of independent Montenegrin weekly “Monitor”; discussed by Ljupka Kovačević, Lino Veljak, Fahrudin Kladničanin, Staša Zajović, Sabina Talović, Violeta Đikanović, author...

At the end of the Network Meeting (February 9th) a joint activity plan was prepared for the upcoming period and an evaluation of this Network meeting was made.

(You can find integral report (32 pages) from the above trials on the WiB website)

Belgrade, March 8th



Belgrade, March 8 - Women's solidarity practices for a life without violence – 30 years since the SOS hotline for women and children victims of violence was founded - a feminist group to support women to get out of violence. The SOS hotline was founded by activists of the feminist group "Woman and Society", Belgrade, after several years of networking and cooperation with feminist activists from Zagreb and Ljubljana, who founded their SOS hotlines in those years. The debate was held at the Belgrade / DOB Youth Center, where it began its work on March 8, 1990, with the support of the DOB, which provided its premises and telephone number. The founders of the SOS hotline, Lepa Mladjenovic, Nadezda Radovic, Vera Litricin and Stasa Zajovic, took part in the debate. The participants of the debate talked about the beginnings of the SOS hotline, challenges, scope of work and the debate was attended by over **60** people.

Rex Cultural Center, March 9th

Rex Cultural Center, March 9th – activist seminar **"Where to next, how and why?"** - the seminar was held in Cultural Center Rex on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of CC Rex; the debate focused on activist practices, current and future activist visions, strategies and tactics. Activists from various ideological and practical starting points and points of view took part: *Staša Zajović* (WiB), *Radomir Lazović* (Initiative Let's not drown Belgrade); *Anja Ilić* (Marks 21) and *Marko Miletić* (Portal Mašina), as well as numerous cultural workers.

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Educational and research programs – in addition to the aforementioned, were realized within the Network:

Research: The Impact of Clericalization on Reproductive and Labor Rights – Serbia

Research goals: gaining an insight into the position of women in Serbia regarding reproductive rights, the impact of rising tendencies of clericalization on women's views on reproductive rights and on the interconnection of labor legislation (labor rights) and reproductive rights. Researchers are prof. PhD Ildiko Erdei and prof. Lidija Radulović, PhD (Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade, Department of Ethnology). The research was conducted from the beginning of March to the end of May 2019; the survey was conducted in all of Serbia, appr. **50** women activists from the Women in Black Network participated, and **1050** questionnaires were collected. The publication **The Impact of Clericalization on Reproductive and Labor Rights – Serbia** was made by authors Ildiko Erdei and Lidija Radulović was finished in March 2020 and in the following months the publication will be printed.

“Growing Signs of Fundamentalisms in Different Contexts – democratic and feminist Responses”

In framework of this program were organized following activities:

January 13, Zagreb

January 13, Zagreb – at the meeting of the Women in Black’s Working Group for Secularism, Belgrade and Protagoras, Zagreb, in addition to exchanging information on tendencies in both countries regarding growing clericalization, the participants agreed on the next meeting of the two Coalitions for Secularism (Croatia and Serbia) planned for 17 and 18 April 2020 in Zagreb. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was postponed until the fall of 2020.

January 27, Belgrade

January 27, Belgrade – meeting of the Working Group for Secularism in the premises of the WiB, which was attended by activists of the Network from Belgrade and Novi Sad. At the meeting, information was exchanged regarding clericalization in Serbia:

On the lawsuit of the Serbian Orthodox Church against the tenants of the settlement “Stepa Stepanović” in Belgrade – On November 5, 2019, the Patriarchate of the Serbian Orthodox Church filed a lawsuit against the tenants who protested during the last attempt to build a log cabin church in the center of their settlement, where a Health Center was supposed to be built. Snezana Tabacki, WiB reported that at the last hearing, held on January 24, 2020, the Serbian Orthodox Church withdrew the lawsuit against the tenants, otherwise established in 2012.

About the trial of the Serbian Orthodox Church for pedophilia – Nastasja Radović informed the members of the Working Group that the High Court of Justice in London, at the hearing held on January 17, 2020, rejected the lawsuit against the Serbian Orthodox Church for pedophilia and sexual abuse. The lawsuit was filed by six prosecutors from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, and was rejected because the parish in London is not “an adequate address for the lawsuit, which ended the process before that court.”

Other activities related to secularism were also discussed at this meeting: the next meeting of the Coalition for Secularism (Croatia and Serbia) in Zagreb, scheduled for April 2020; on the research of the WiB “The impact of clericalization on the reproductive and labor rights of women”. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, these activities have been postponed until autumn 2020.

Women’s Peace Activism, Đulici, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Educational program that the civic association “Anima” from Đulić and Women in Black Belgrade have been organizing since the beginning

of 2016. Meetings within Women's Peace Activism are strengthening trust, mutual support and solidarity, wider areas of women's autonomy and self-confidence. This meeting is a continuation of many years of cooperation, friendship, mutual support and mutual cooperation the work of "Anima" and WiB.

In this reporting period, one meeting was organized:

March 12th, 2020

March 12th, 2020 – the fiveteen (15) cycle of this educational program was attended by **19** women from the Municipality of Zvornik and the following places: Đulići, Sapna, Kučić kula, Klisa, Grbavci Donji, Potočari/Srebrenica and Belgrade. Despite the fact of growing panic due to coronavirus, joint work was developed in an excellent atmosphere, with very good participation of all women.



During the dynamic work on the issue **What would be if women had stronger power in society and the state?** – workshop about power and active listening, the participants worked in pairs, listening each other very carefully and then sharing what the partner said:

– Women were mostly of the opinion that the affairs in the state and the society would be very different if women had stronger power what *would mostly contribute to ameliorating situation in a postwar country burdened with permanent ethnic tensions, intolerance, production of fear and various modes of inequalities;*

– They also stated that *stronger power of women would also mean more just share of resources („women would help the poor, there would be more food, because we women produce food“).*

– *Stronger power of women would prevent or at least lessen departures of the youth who searching for jobs have to leave the country;*

Women expressed their bitterness for the situation they are in because of misuse in election campaigns, false promises, authoritarian leaders...

– *Women can exercise their power and responsibility in the private sphere, especially in educating male children (as mothers we could contribute*

to the education of our sons so they would respect other women).

Participants have the opinion that *women in official power positions act mostly „irresponsibly“* for not caring about „interests of common people but their parties and leaders“.

„We Should All Be Feminists“ – collectively commenting on the text of Nigerian writer *Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie* raised exceptional interest and encouraged women to find similarities in experiences of injustices which women have been suffering. Nearly all testified about patriarchal repression in private and public spheres, in their childhood, youth, mature age, in war and peace...

Following the workshop we watched short films on **women rebellions around the world** – Chile, Italy, Mexico, Belgrade and films of Group for Video Activism of Women in Black.

SOLIDARITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Solidarity actions - with members of vulnerable and disadvantaged minority communities (social-class, ethnic-racial, sexual), citizens whose human rights (working, educational, cultural) are endangered.

Solidarity with War Refugees in Serbia: Women in Black started in 2013 when solidarity campaigns against racist attacks were organized that culminated at the end of 2013, and since then, Women in Black have organized a lot of activities, which you can find information on the WiB website. Solidarity activities are interconnected, at the same time, they include more dimensions - peace, humanitarian, artistic-activist, informative ...

Direct actions

Direct actions – solidarity assistance in the field:

Belgrad

Visits to Belgrade – based refugee sites – activists of the WiB provided solidarity assistance, several times a month, in parks in Belgrade, as well as in self-organized refugee camps in Belgrade.

Pljevlja, Montenegro

Pljevlja, Montenegro (on the border between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina) – from 6 to 9 January 2020, Goran Lazin and Violeta Đikanović (WiB Belgrade) stayed at the Bona Fide Open Center in Pljevlja. However, ethnic and religious tensions erupted in the form of daily aggressive religious manifestations, the liturgies of the Serbian Orthodox Church / SOC in Pljevlja and Montenegro, and related to the Law on Freedom of Religion (adopted at the end of 2019 in the Parliament of Montenegro), women, especially Bosniaks, were subjected to verbal attacks by participants of the SOC liturgies. It should be reminded that in Pljevlja and in general in the northern part of Montenegro, where numerous crimes were committed against the Bosniak / Muslim population in the 1990s, to this day no one has been



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held accountable. Bona Fide activists believe that the aforementioned liturgies of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Pljevlja are reviving the traumas of the 1990s; they fear that ethnic violence against Bosniaks / Muslims will recur. In short, liturgies are a political abuse of religion: *"For me, these are political protests of the worst Serbian clero-fascists, clero-nationalists"* (Sabina). Due to all of the above, and for security reasons, the refugees were prevented from moving. From February 2018 until now, over **3000** refugees / migrants have passed through the Bona Fide Center.

January 26

Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina – refugees began arriving in June 2018 in this city from the direction of Serbia and Montenegro, as a 'transit' place to Croatia. Thousands of refugees from the countries of the Middle East, but also North Africa, passed through Tuzla, where informal groups of citizens provide them with solidarity assistance. In this reporting period, several actions were organized:

January 26 WiB activists from Belgrade (Violeta, Stasa) as well as Reiha Avdic (Women Association of Srebrenica in Tuzla) and Ramiz Berbic, peace activists of the WiB Network from Tuzla, visited the bus station where at that time there were nylon tents with about a hundred refugees from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Algeria, Libya... We talked to them and distributed modest humanitarian aid.

On behalf of WiB, **Ramiz Berbić** organized actions of solidarity with refugees in Tuzla throughout February, on which we bring a report below:

February 15

February 15 – Ramiz visited migrants at the train station in Tuzla, where he distributed humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees. "I visited the migrants who are behind the train station where there is a smaller tent settlement. I went directly over there at 2pm and most of them were asleep. They sit by the fire at night because of the cold, and sleep during the day. I hung out with them by the fire for a while and distributed humanitarian aid packages. They immediately wiped themselves with tissues because they missed bathing. I feel desperate for their condition, and yet I am happy that I made their situation more bearable for at least a moment".



February 26 **February 26** – Activist Ramiz Berbić wrote in his report: “Tuzla was hit by a storm. It snowed, it was very cold and windy. The migrant tents were covered with snow, left to the cold. I decided to prepare hot drinks for them, I found a gas bottle, I managed to transport these things from my village to Tuzla, where I prepared tea and coffee for the migrants”.

February 29 **February 29** – Ramiz B. wrote: “I boiled water and distributed tea and coffee to migrants. They were very pleased, some joined me in the preparation. We talked a little. I sang to them a little and they sang back to me their song... Five migrants in slippers appeared. They have no shoes. Now I am looking for shoes for them...”

Humanitarian action **Humanitarian action** – providing humanitarian assistance - through humanitarian actions we encourage solidarity, familiarity, friendship, meetings with war refugees, acquiring knowledge about the situation of refugees, information about their position, etc. During this reporting period, WiB organized on average one weekly, and sometimes several times, solidarity visits of refugees located in Krnjača camp to WiB premises. After the introduction of the state of emergency in Serbia (March 15, 2020), all reception centers for refugees were subjected to drastic repressive measures (ban on going out, the army and the police around the camps...).

In addition to this, solidarity with war refugees Women in Black is expressed by other activities:

Reports – in Serbian and English, for domestic and international networks, to familiarize themselves with the problems of refugees, their position, their human rights, abuse, discrimination, both at the level of institutions and society.

International solidarity - contacts with international networks for the exchange of information, designing joint actions, organizing visits to the places where refugees reside in Serbia, during this period we organized numerous visits, participated in international conferences, debates:

January 24, Zagreb **January 24, Zagreb** – meeting of Stasa Zajovic with the activists of the “Are you Syrious” network from Croatia on the situation of refugees, especially on police brutality on the border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, on possible participation in the international caravan of solidarity with refugees, etc.

February 5 – 12 **February 5 – 12** – Nazareth Sanchez and Maria Santiago, activists from Spain, visited Belgrade and spoke at a meeting of the WiB Network about organizing an International Caravan of Solidarity with Refugees on the Balkan Route. They testified about the refugee / migrant tragedy, militarization, humiliation, torture, persecution,

deportations, cruel exploitation of refugees and migrants. They presented a proposal for the Caravan of Solidarity on the Balkan Route, which should be organized in the second half of July 2020 in Trieste, and if possible in Ljubljana. It was agreed that various collectives dealing with refugees on the Balkan route would take part in that International Caravan: WiB, Srebrenica women, witnesses at the Women's Court, etc. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, preparations have been postponed for now.

February 25, Ljubljana

February 25, Ljubljana – Meeting of solidarity of activists from Serbia and Croatia with refugees in the social center “Ambasada Rog”; About a dozen activists of the ‘Ambasada Rog’ took part (a solidarity collective that prepares food for refugees on a daily basis, provides them with legal aid, organizes campaigns for refugee rights), activists of the ‘No Borders Kraft’ initiative, witnesses at the Women's Court from B&H and Croatia, organizers of W'sC. We mostly talked about the possibilities of organizing the International Solidarity Caravan in July 2020 in Ljubljana, and organized by the collective / network ‘Abriendo fronteras’ from Spain and ‘Carovana migrante’ from Italy. A dinner of solidarity with refugees was also organized in the Infoshop - anarchist collective in Metelkova (social center), and a concert of the anarcho-punk choir was performed, etc.

II Solidarity with Marija Lukic – Trials for sexual harassment in Krusevac

Marija Lukic is a victim of sexual harassment committed by Milutin Jelacic Jutka, the former mayor of Brus. Marija Lukic filed a criminal complaint against him in 2018 because he sent her about 15,000 SMS messages during her two years as his secretary. An indictment was filed against M. Jelacic Jutka on July 20th, 2018 for two criminal offenses: sexual harassment and unlawful sexual acts through abuse of office. The trial began on May 27, 2019 in the Basic Court in Brus, when the defendants' supporters organized verbal and physical assaults on Marija Lukic and us who support her. At the request of M. Lukic and her lawyer, the trial was transferred to the Basic Court in Krusevac. All sessions were attended by WIB activists.

In this reporting period, two hearings were held: on *January 29*, and the hearing scheduled for *February 21, 2020* was postponed.

Before the trial began and in front of the court, convicted war criminal Vojislav Seselj insulted the activist of Women in Black Stasa Zajovic. “Bogeyman, goblin, traitor, scum. You are so ugly that your mother wanted to kill you in the cradle, she had to feed you with a slingshot.”

Snezana Bojic testified at this hearing on January 29 (she worked as a librarian in Brus, and then moved out from Brus). She spoke of sexual harassment by M.J. Jutka, against whom she also filed a criminal complaint, which was later rejected. Defendant's lawyers resorted to obstructions in order to prevent the testimony of Snezana Bojic, who

also spoke about sexual harassment to which many women in Brus were exposed, but they did not report it for fear of retaliation from M.J. Jutka. At the end of her testimony, witness Snezana Bojic said: **“Today I ask the court to make a fair decision for all women. I am here to seek justice for myself and for Marija Lukić, and for all women. That things like this don’t happen to women again.”**

III Solidarity with the Milivojevic Family from Lucani – The Ivanjica trials

Criminal proceedings against the Director General of the Milan Blagojevic – Namenska Arms Factory, Lucani - Rados Milovanovic and two executives from the same factory (Vladimir Loncarevic and Toma Stojic). They are charged with ‘committing a serious crime against general security’ because on July 14th, 2017, workers Milomir Milojevic and Milojko Ignjatovic were killed after a gunpowder explosion. At the first hearing, held on *October 3rd*, 2019, the Director R. Milovanovic blackmailed and forced hundreds of workers at the Milan Blagojevic-Namenska factory from Lucani to brutally insult the family of the dead worker Milomir Milojevic. At the next hearing (*November 15th*), thanks to organized support for the Milovojevic family by the WiB activists and a group of citizens from Belgrade, no organized groups of the indictee’s supporters appeared before the court.

At the hearing on **February 7**, the presiding judge said that director Milovanovic and Loncarevic filed complaints against the family of the deceased worker Milomir Milivojevic, because they allegedly insulted and threw words at them during previous trials. Vladimir Todorčić, the lawyer of the Milovojević family, reacted to that, reminding of the constant insults to which the Milivojević family has been exposed since the beginning of the trial. The defendant T. Stojić also pleaded not guilty at this hearing. Due to the pandemic, a hearing scheduled for March was not held.

(You can find integral reports from the above trials on the WiB website)

IV Solidarity with activists during pandemia (COVID 19) state of emergency

State of emergency was imposed in Serbia, unconstitutionally, without Parliament, on March 15, 2020. COVID 19 pandemia was used as an excuse for mass violation of human rights, unlawful detentions, brutal suppression of independent media, political prosecution, intensification of militarization of the state and the society. Pandemia hits the most vulnerable – all the poor, especially Roma people, refugees and of course women.

Since the pandemia started we established various ways of mutual

support and solidarity within WiB Network: daily telephone and social networks contacts with activists in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia; visits and providing food for activists in Belgrade, especially those over 65 who were quarantined; distribution of modest humanitarian aid for the most socially vulnerable activists. Therapists' team of the Women's Court active in the whole region gave psychological support to activists. Also, we were in constant communication with activists of the International Network of Women in Black from Italy, Spain, GB, but also Turkey and Latin America, and friends from the USA etc. This gave us an insight into various dimensions and consequences of pandemia – political, social-class, gender, militarist, etc.

DISCUSSION CIRCLES, LECTURES, DEBATES AT THE WOMEN IN BLACK PREMISES – “WEDNESDAYS AT WIB”

The practice of regular discussions, lectures and joint reflections on important social and political issues in the country and the world, continued in this reporting period, which included eight **(8)** lectures, debates, book presentations, film screenings, with the participation of more than **110** persons.

January 15 **January 15** – Screening of the movie **'Wife'**: a 99-minute American film from 2018 directed by Bjorn Runge, starring Glen Close. The film is the story of a woman who re-examines her life as a wife, her invisible and unrecognized role in creating her 'famous' husband. After that, **10** activists attended the screening and the conversation.

January 27 **January 27** – Meeting of the Working Group on Secularism (discussed in the section 'Educational and Research Programs'), and ten **(10)** people participated.

February 5 **February 5 – Feminist approach to health** – thematic cycle which starts from the fact that “health is a socio-political category, determined by gender, class, race / ethnicity, that women's health is influenced by numerous factors – male violence against women, poverty, care for others, environmental pollution, medicalization of the body for the profit of the pharmaceutical industry, militarism, etc.). Within this cycle, we organized conversations / debates, film screenings.

The first session took place in commenting on texts from the book **“Amicus mortis - on the art of living and the art of dying”** by **Ivan Ilic** (1926-2002); Ilyich is a philosopher, leftist theologian, writer, economist, radical critic of modern social institutions, born in Vienna in a family of Croatian and Jewish origin, and spent most of his life in Latin America. Selected essays / texts from the above book: Health as a personal responsibility? No thanks!; Obsession with perfect health; Undeclared death; **16** people commented against health.

- February 12** **February 12** – Second session of the cycle “**Feminist approach to health**”: **Body language: feminist analysis of the relationship between patriarchal violence and eating problems in women (bulimia and anorexia)**; The keynote speakers were Dana Vidic and Mina Damjanovic, and **14** people took part in the conversation.
- February 19** **February 19** – Bombshell - a 109-minute American feature film (2019 production) about a group of women who have survived sexual harassment by the head of Fox News. After the screening of the film, the conversation was dedicated to sexual violence against women, and **10** people participated in the cycle “Feminist approach to health”.
- February 27** **February 27** – “**Medical error: civil liability for medical error**” published by the Official Gazette, 2018 by prof. Jelena Simić, PhD, Union University in Belgrade. The author participated in the promotion of the book in the presence of **15** people. This is the fourth session within the thematic cycle “Feminist Approach to Health”.
- March 4** **March 4 – MeToo movement against sexual abuse of women** - on the importance of the movement in the fight against sexual and any other violence against women. After a short video projection of this movement, a conversation will be organized during which the activists testified about their experiences of sexual violence - **15** people. This is the fifth session within the thematic cycle Feminist Approach to Health, which we started in early February 2020.
- March 11** **March 11 – Evening in honor of Marija Arandjelović**, associate of the WiB (Video Activism Group); In February 2020, Marija received her PhD in editing at the Faculty of Dramatic Arts / FDA in Belgrade; a film by Marija Arandjelović was shown, lasting 40 minutes, followed by a conversation in which **16** people participated.

(Extensive reports from these debates can be found on the WiB website)

CAMPAIGNS, APPEALS

In addition to the above initiatives in this reporting period, we have also initiated or actively participated in numerous campaigns, first of all in relation to requests for dealing with the past - responsibility for war crimes, violence against women, against repression of political opponents; over refugees.

Justice for Marija Lukić!

Justice for Marija Lukić! – Marija Lukić is a victim of sexual harassment committed by Milutin Jeličić Jutka, former president of the municipality of Brus. While she was employed as his secretary, Marija Lukic filed a criminal complaint against him in 2018 because

M. Jeličić sent her thousands of text messages during two years. In a statement on the occasion of the hearing on January 29 before the court in Krusevac, the WiB states the following: "The proceedings so far clearly show that all defense witnesses, mostly members of the ruling regime party, are false and their statements are in the function of the accused." Convicted war criminal Vojislav Seselj is present at the trials. Such a fascist exhibition is a regime-orchestrated misogynist public violence against disobedient women. On this occasion, we express our deep respect for the brave Marija Lukić, who decided to speak, not only on her own behalf, but also on behalf of all women who are exposed to sexual violence - both in the public and private spheres, "the statement reads.

Solidarity with the Milivojevic Family from Lucani

Solidarity with the Milivojevic Family from Lucani – statement on the occasion of trial at Ivanjica court February 7th 2020. It's criminal proceedings against the Director General of the Milan Blagojevic-Namenska Arms Factory, Lucani - Rados Milovanovic and two executives from the same factory (Vladimir Loncarevic and Toma Stojic). They are charged with 'committing a serious crime against general security' because on July 14th, 2017, workers Milomir Milojevic and Milojko Ignjatovic were killed after a gunpowder explosion. At the first hearing, held on *October 3rd*, 2019, the Director R. Milovanovic blackmailed and forced hundreds of workers at the Milan Blagojevic-Namenska factory from Lucani to brutally insult the family of the dead worker Milomir Milojevic. At the next hearing (*November 15th*), thanks to organized support for the Milivojevic family by the WiB activists and a group of citizens from Belgrade, no organized groups of the indicted's supporters appeared before the court. Supporting the Milojevic family's courageous fight against impunity, the statement said the trial showed:

- **"That insecurity – lack of basic protection of workers, outdated equipment, extremely poor working conditions, excessive employment of workers - are the main causes of accidents in the purpose-built industry. Only in the factory "Milan Blagojević - Namenska" from Lucani, 21 workers were killed and no one was held responsible!**
- **That the state, the owner of the company, instead of ensuring the safety of workers, protects those responsible for accidents, and discredits, humiliates and even criminalizes workers, in this case the Milojevic family, just for bravely fighting for justice and punishing those responsible for accidents;**
- **That the accused enjoy the support of the regime of Aleksandar Vučić, that in the union of the mafia and the political oligarchy in the arms industry in Serbia, workers are reduced to slave labor and serve for ruthless exploitation for the purpose of gaining profits from arms dealers."**

Stop terror against migrants and refugees!

Stop terror against migrants and refugees! – in a statement (February 24) Women in Black condemned the racist hatred of pro-fascist groups gathered around the “No Surrender of Kosovo and Metohija” Initiative, which organizes night patrols, intercepts migrants and refugees and restricts their movement. The initiative distributes leaflets in Arabic, English and Serbian, which read: “Due to frequent sick attacks on Serbian women and girls, you are prohibited from moving outside the migrant centers from 22:00 to 6:00 in the morning and moving more than three people in groups during the day. Attacks on our citizens will not go unpunished.”

WiB considers that violence against refugees / migrants is “the result of a political climate, regime media, neo-Nazi organizations and pro-fascist political parties that operate unhindered with the support of the regime. The dissemination of false information triggers a campaign of persecution to which migrants and refugees fleeing the war and seeking temporary refuge in Serbia are exposed.”

Women in Black sent a request to the competent state institutions to immediately stop and prevent the operation of these patrols, to find and prosecute their organizers and clients. If this illegal and inhumane violence is not prevented, we will believe that the perpetrators are protected by the regime in Serbia.”

**“REMEMBER:
Strpci 1993 – 2020”**

“REMEMBER: Strpci 1993 – 2020” – on the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the crime in Strpci, when members of the Army of Republika Srpska (VRS), at the railway station in Strpci (BiH), from the train traveling on the route Belgrade-Bar took out and killed 20 passengers, non-Serb civilians. The Humanitarian Law Center (HLC), Women in Black, the Sandzak Committee for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms and the Youth Initiative for Human Rights remind that the families of the victims have been waiting for 27 years for judicial justice in Serbia. To date, the remains of only four victims have been found, while other victims are still being searched for.

Proceedings before the courts in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia are currently underway for the crime in Strpci.

On this occasion, the mentioned organizations reiterated the request to the Serbian institutions to “effectively conduct criminal proceedings for this crime, to pass a new law based on the rights of civilian victims of war in accordance with international human rights treaties and other international standards in providing reparations to victims.”

We remember the siege of Sarajevo! Sarajevo

We remember the siege of Sarajevo! – on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the siege of Sarajevo and the beginning of the war in BiH

(April 6, 1992 - April 6, 2020), the WUC states: “After the recognition of BiH as an independent state, on April 6, 1992, the siege of Sarajevo by Serb armed formations followed. Despite the fact that the UN declared the city of Sarajevo a protected zone, the siege of the city began which lasted 1475 days, during which over 11,000 adults

and over 1,600 children were killed, and over 480,000 missiles were fired at the city... We express solidarity and compassion for victims, respect and reverence for victims. We demand responsibility for crimes committed in Bosnia and Herzegovina, primarily for crimes committed by Serb armed formations, as well as for all other crimes," the statement said.

Call for urgent ceasefire in the world and support for global solidarity – on the occasion of the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' call for an immediate ceasefire and the establishment of a ceasefire in the world and support for global solidarity and the global fight against the COVID-19 virus pandemic, WUC sent an invitation to the Government of Serbia to "implement the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) and support the Covid-19 Solidarity Fund, and support all current and future health, socio-economic and political measures of international institutions and organizations based on the principles of global solidarity. An urgent truce today, but also disarmament in the whole world tomorrow, is the basis for a solidary fight against the virus and the building of a just peace in the future. Instead of investing in war, the military industry and arms exports, it is necessary to invest in civilian purposes. "Everything for peace, health and knowledge, nothing for weapons!"; It is stated in the announcement on April 7.

We remember! – on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the murder of 16 RTS workers, the WUC reminds that on April 23, 1999, in the NATO bombing of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the building of the Serbian Radio and Television, in Aberdareva Street, in Belgrade, was also hit. At that time, there were 16 workers in the building, who died on that occasion. According to the court-established factual truth, the former director of RTS, Dragoljub Milanović, is responsible for their death. Despite having clear knowledge that the RTS building would be bombed, he did not inform his employees about it. The WUC expressed sympathy and solidarity with the families of those killed and reiterated the request to the authorities of the state of Serbia to compensate the families of the victims and to admit their responsibility for this crime.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In addition to meetings, participation in international conferences already mentioned in this report:

**14th – 15th January,
Vukovar/Croatia**

14th – 15th January, Vukovar/Croatia „EU as a Forgotten Peace Project“ Expert advocacy panel within the Croatian presidency of The Council of the EU
Civil society in Croatia marked the beginning of the Croatian presidency of The Council of the EU by reminding the EU about

the importance of peacebuilding. In cooperation with the civil society from the EU and South Eastern Europe, in Vukovar – a town which represents a symbol of war-time destruction, on the date of international recognition of Croatia and completion of peaceful reintegration of its Danube region.

This event consisted of a lot of segments. In panel discussion „Croatian and Post-yugoslav Peacebuilding experience as a contribution to EU peacebuilding policy“ participated: Staša Zajović (Women in Black, Belgrade), Katarina Kruhonja, Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights Osijek, Goran Bubalo, Network for Building Peace, Bosnia & Hercegovina moderated by Goran Božičević, peace activist, Buje/Hrvatska.

Within this gathering took place a lot of panel discussions: actual challenges to the Peace project – perspectives for integration of ‘Other Europe’, Peacebuilding in Foreign policy, about peaceful reintegration of the Danube region etc.

At the exhibition „Faces of Resistance“ were presented antiwar initiatives, among them Women in Black, Belgrade.

Rome, 15 February

Rome, 15 February: International Meeting: The Truth of Women – Experiences and Practices of the Feminist Approach to Justice (La verità delle donne - percorsi e pratiche di giustizia con un approccio femminista) was held at the Casa delle donne in Rome, organized by the Women in Black Network in Italy (Rete italiana delle Donne in nero). Staša Z. participated on behalf of the WiB.

Rome, 16 February

Rome, 16 February – meetings of activists of the WiB Network Italy, Spain, Balkans – agreements regarding joint workshops at the meeting of the WUC International Network in Armenia, May 2020. Unfortunately, the meeting was canceled due to a pandemic.

These meetings were attended by activists of the Network of Women in Black / Rete delle Donne in nero d’Italia: Rome, Turin, Milan, Padua, Verona, Udine, Aquila, Naples, Vicenza, Mantova, from Spain (Madrid, Valencia, Santander, Seville) from Colombia and the Balkans.

They also discussed joint actions related to solidarity with refugees, militarization, climate change...



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