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REPORT

**for the period
January – May 2017**

As before, we bring a brief report on the activities of Women in Black during the mentioned period, and if you are interested in more detailed information, you can find them on our web site www.zeneucrnom.org or contact us via mail: office@zeneucrnom.org

We solidarity thank you in advance.

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STREET ACTIONS

In this reporting period we organized ten (10) actions, and we also actively participated in other street actions:

- commemoration / marking of important dates of crime committed in our name
- feminist, anti-fascist, anti-war, anti-racist, antimilitaristic actions...

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

Belgrade, February 27th - "We Remember the Crime in Strpci" - On the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the crimes in Strpci, Women in Black, Humanitarian Law Center and Youth Initiative for Human Rights organized peace action in black and silence in front of the entrance to the Belgrade Railway Station from 15.48h to 16.4h. From there on February 27th, 1993, a train 671 departed, from which on Strpci station, on the Belgrade - Bar railway, members of the military unit Osvetnici, which operated within the Visegrad Brigade of the Army of the Republika Srpska under the command of a Hague convict Milan Lukic, took out 18 Bosniaks and 1 Croat, took them to the village of Prelovo (Visegrad municipality), where they tortured them, and then killed them. To this day, only the remains of three people were found.

On the peace action, following banners were raised: From here, the train of 671 departed, the train stopped at 15.48h; We remember the crime in Strpci (27.02.1993.-27.02.2017.). *Abducted and killed: Esad Kapetanović, Ilijaz Ličina, Fehim Bakija, Šećo Softić, Rifet Husović, Senad Đečević, Ismet Babačić, Halil Zubčević, Adem Alomerović, Muhedin Hanić, Safet Preljević, Džafer Topuzović, Rasim Ćorić, Fikret Memetović, Favzija Zeković, Nijazim Kajević, Zvezdan Zuličić, Jusuf Rastoder, Toma Buzov.*

During the action, leaflets in the form of a ticket card with information about the crime were distributed, thirty (30) persons participated in this peace action.



Prijepolje, February 27th - In front of the memorial plaques in Prijepolje, 24th anniversary of the crime in Strpci was marked. Women's Voice activists from Priboj, Bonafide from Pljevlja (Montenegro) from the Network of Women in Black, honored the victims of the crimes in Strpci.

Belgrade, April 6th "We Remember 25 Years From the Beginning of the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina" - On the occasion of the anniversary of the beginning of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Women in Black in cooperation with the Autonomous Women's Center, Dah Theater, Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Women's Network against Violence, Reconstruction Women's Fund and the Anti-Fascist Alliance organized this peace action on the Republic Square. Fifty (50) activists took part in the action.

The following banners were raised: Let's remember! ; 25 years since





the beginning of the war in BH; April 6th, 1992 - April 6th, 2017; Solidarity; Responsibility, as well as recalling resistance to the war in BH:

Women in Black from April 1992 to February 1996 each week protested against the war in BH wearing black and in silence, at the Republic Square in Belgrade.

Black Ribbon antiwar action was organized by the Civil Resistance Movement on May 31st, 1992 in Belgrade, in which over 100,000 people participated.

1000 days of siege of Sarajevo - 1000 letters for Sarajevo - civil action, May 1995 Belgrade

Sending the Belgrade-Sarajevo packages - a solid civil action from the beginning to the end of the war in BiH

Peace visit 9 -11th April 1995 - For the first time since the beginning of the war in BH, about 40 people from Belgrade visited the besieged city of Sarajevo.

During this peace action – a performance **“25 years- 25 mirrors”** was performed during which 25 activists took out 25 mirrors on which on black ribbons were wrote names of cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where war crimes happen: **Srebrenica, Ahmici, Stupni Do, Celebici, Dretelj, Mostar, Luka, Sušica, Manjača, Keraterm, Omarska, Trnopolje, Prijedor, Foča, Višegrad, Zvornik, Brčko, Bijeljina, Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Žepa, Goražde, Tuzla, Ključ, Sanski Most.**

Belgrade, April 23rd - The activists of Women in Black, on April 23rd in 02.06am joined the families, colleagues and friends of 16 RTS employees who were killed on April 23rd 1999 in 02.06am in NATO attack. On the monument “Why?” in Tašmajdan park in Belgrade, Women in Black, laid flowers with the words “We remember.”

Feminist, anti-fascist, anti-war, anti-racist, anti-militarist actions:

In chronological order:

Belgrade, January 21st “Women’s march against fascism” - More than a hundred (100) feminist-anti-fascist activists from all over Serbia (Pirot, Novi Sad, Belgrade, Nis, Novi Bečej, Zrenjanin, Kraljevo, Leskovac, Tutin), as well as from Macedonia, marched in solidarity with women from the United States who launched this global campaign against right-wing pro-fascist policies in the United States, as well as in the whole world, 673 marches were held around the world on the same day, summoning slogans: Feminism against sexism, Women vs. Fascism, I will have to fight all the fascists, Witches will come back, they will not go on foot, I have enough of everything, I have enough of the church and god and sexism of yours, Stop fascism, Freedom for women, Women think: goodbye to the church; Disobedient: patriarchy, war, nationalism, militarism; Always disobedient: state, church, nation, party; Antifascism is our choice: no god, no masters; No pasaran; No country or god near my ovary; My body, my territory... women have resolutely expressed their resistance to fascist





ideologies and practices. After the completion of march, on the plateau in front of the Temple of St. Sava, activists: *Mina Damjanović and Snežana Tabački (Women in Black)*; *Ljiljana Latinović (Association of antifascists)*, *Minja Pavlović (Labris)*; *Sanja Pavlović (Autonomous Women's Center)* and *Natalija Laptošević, a feminist activist*, held political speeches related to sexism, feminist, lesbian, xenophobic and racist policies.

Belgrade, February 3rd - "No Rehabilitation", an anti-fascist protest in front of Higher Court (Timocka 15) in Belgrade where a hearing was held for the rehabilitation of Milan Nedic, a Nazi collaborator. As the head of the Serbian government during the Nazi occupation in World War II, M. Nedic is responsible for the Holocaust and crimes against anti-fascists. During the Second World War. The rehabilitation of M. Nedić erases anti-fascist heritage, morally and politically, fascism is normalized, which encourages neo-fascist politics and movements in today's Serbia. On this occasion we raised following banners "Women in Black Against Fascism", "Antifascism is Our Choice", "NO REHABILITATION!" Etc. During the whole protest, supporters of rehabilitation were sending offensive and slanderous shouts to Women in Black.

Belgrade, March 8th "Get up, oppressed in the world - Solidarity-Internationalism-Continuity" - On the occasion of March 8th - International Women's Day, a women's march was organized by Women Against Violence Network, Women in Black Network, Roma Women's Network, Reconstruction Women's Fund and the Left Summit of Serbia. The march began on the Republic Square, took place in the central city streets, protest actions in front of the institutions (the Presidency and the Government of Serbia), as well as the campaign of solidarity with war refugees at the Faculty of Economics. On that occasion, dozens of refugees joined the march. The march was completed at the Cultural Center 'Magacin' where an exhibition of posters and a poster of women's resistance from the whole world entitled 'International Solidarity' was organized. Over **500** people participated in this event.

Belgrade, March 21st "Stop racism against refugees" - On the occasion of March 21st - International Day Against Racism, Women in Black organized a peace action "Stop Racism Against Refugees!" In Knez Mihailova Street in Belgrade.

On this action of international solidarity, the following banners were raised in Serbian, English and Arabic: *March 21st - International Day Against Racism*; *Stop racism against refugees*; *Stop the war, not the refugee*; *Stop the construction of wire fences and walls - Open the borders*; *Solidarity*; *Brick by brick, wall by wall - we make the fortress Europe fall*; *Solidarity with Refugees*; *Freedom for All...* Twenty (**20**) activists took part in the action.





Belgrade, April 26th “Stop the persecution of homosexual people in Chechnya” - Women in Black, To be known, Labris, Gayten LGBT, Autonomous Women’s Center, Women’s Network Against Violence, Consultation for Lesbians / Gayten, Equality, in front of the Russian Federation Embassy organized the protest. The following banners were raised in Serbian, Russian and English: *LGBT rights are human rights; Love is human right; Stop homophobia and transphobia; Solidarity with LGBT and all oppressed minorities in Russia; We protest against any dictatorship, totalitarian regime; Solidarity against the fascist regime; Prison for Putin and Kadirov; Liberte, Egalite, Homosexualite...* Thirty (30) activists and took part in the protest.



Women in Black also took part in actions organized by other organizations, of which we mention: Citizens’ Protests “Ne da(vi)mo Beograd”, as well as student protests held in April.

FACING 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).

WOMEN’S SOLIDARITY FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMES

Actions of women’s solidarity - feminist ethics of care and responsibility, acts of mutual support, exchange and cooperation in the region in order to build a just peace. During this period we organized exchanges and visits:

January 17st and 18nd, Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina) - solidarity visits to Meira Dautović, peace activist, mother of Edna and Edvin, who were killed in the concentration camp at Omarska in Bosnia and Herzegovina by Serbian armed forces.



February 13th, Vranic, Belgrade -antifascist solidarity visit to the village of Vranic, in memory of the crimes that were committed by Chetnik fascistic formations during World War II against civilians of Serbian nationality. On this occasion, Women in Black activists, the activists from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina visited the memorial room in the house of the family Pantic.

March 24th, Belgrade – Eighty-eight (85) women from Srebrenica from Tuzla, Potocari / Srebrenica, Bratunac and other places from Bosnia and Herzegovina visited Belgrade, within the mutual support and solidarity of Women in Black and Women of Srebrenica. On this occasion, several events were organized: a discussion on the importance of friendship and joint work between women of Srebrenica and WIB Network, screening of documentary films about street actions of WIB dedicated to genocide in Srebrenica, joint tour of the park Kalemegdan, etc.

April 2nd, Đulići, BH – Meeting of solidarity support with women from Đulići, town in the area of Zvornik.

(WiB activists met with women and families of victims after the commemoration of the anniversary of the crimes).



Accountability for the crimes - the path to just peace: monitoring the trials at the Special Court

Trial for a crime in Kravica - At the Special Court in Belgrade for war crimes in the village of Kravica (killing 1313 Bosnian Muslims, within the Srebrenica genocide, on July 13th, 1995).

In this reporting period, eight (8) hearings were held: 6, 7, 8 and 13 February; March 20; April 13, May 31 and June 13.

In addition to the activists of Women in Black, the trial was followed by witnesses during February and March, women's organizers and activists, while WIB activists followed all the hearings, providing emotional and moral support to the relatives of those killed who also followed the trial:

From Croatia (Milica Miladinović, Jovanka Carević, Nela Pamuković, Aleksandar Puhek, Zagreb and Marica Šeatović, Novska)

From Serbia (Marija Kovačev, Novi Bečej, Snežana Obrenović, Kraljevo, Staša Zajović, Ljiljana Radovanović, Violeta Đikanović, Mirko Medenica, Stefan Milosavljević, Miloš Urošević from Beograda).

From Bosnia and Herzegovina (Muhamed Ikanović, Prijedor and Ramiz Berbić, Tuzla).

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



ARTISTIC ENGAGEMENT IN CONFRONTING 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", during this period, several working meetings were organized in connection with the design and realization of activist-artistic actions with art collectives: Multimedia Center Led art / Art clinic and Dah Theater. Joint activities in the mentioned period, and working meetings were held in Belgrade and Novi Sad. During this period, activities were focused on marking of 25th anniversary since the beginning of the war in BH, as well as on actions of solidarity with refugees.

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, promoting Women in Black, a group of video activists was created in 2010, which was capable of recording, editing, digitizing and setting up the Internet Video and audio material collected during regular activities of the WiB, so that in the form of short films, it becomes available to the general public. The WiB video activism group is coordinated by Marija Vidić, in cooperation with Marija Arandjelović, Zinaida Marjanović and other activists of WiB.

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

- **Женский суд – феминистский подход к правосудию** (52 min.) - a documentary directed by Filip Markovinic, in the production of Women in Black (2016) on the Women's Court held in Sarajevo (7th-10th May 2015) in Russian. The film was previously translated and subtitled in: Albanian, English, Italian and Spanish.
- **"Not a single women less, not a single more dead"** (5:26 min.) - protest march in Belgrade on December 6th 2016 – Day of fight against femicide organized by the Women Against Violence Network and Women in Black.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ij5A6FaE9tA&feature=youtu.be>
- **"We will never forget Vukovar"** (8:52 min.) - The film shows the peace action "Vukovar - killing a city", on the Republic Square in Belgrade on November 18th, 2016, organized by Women in Black on the occasion of the fall of Vukovar.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVuLW2qZAJU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVuLW2qZAJU&feature=youtu.be>
- **Women's internationale** (1.18 min.) - video animation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTop7CIJM8o>



- **“Rise up, oppressed in the world”** (5.01 min.) - female march on the occasion of March 8th - International Women’s Day organized by Women Network against Violence, Roma Women’s Network, Women in Black, Left Summit of Serbia and Reconstruction Women’s Fund.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DBPmdSNFgQ&feature=youtu.be>

- **“Stop Racism Against Refugees”** (3.08 min.) - On the occasion of March 21st - the International Day Against Racism, Women in Black organized a street action in Knez Mihailova Street in Belgrade.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQfASits8Hc>

“25 years – 25 mirrors” (5 min.)- Peace action organized on April 6th on the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- **Stop the persecution of homosexuals in Chechnya** (3.08 min.) - protest in front of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Belgrade on April 26th, 2017, organized by Women in Black, Da se zna LGBTI, Labris, Gayten LGBT, Autonomous Women’s Center, Women’s Network against Violence, Consultation for lesbians.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWBvVDSxI4k&feature=youtu.be>

Other activities related to dealing with the past - transitional justice -

debates, workshops, digital publications ...

Dealing with the past - mutual consideration - in the organization of WiB and related civil society organizations:

Ljubljana/Slovenia, February 26th – Discussion with activist of the Rog center about feminist approach to justice, with a focus on WIB activist-artistic engagement in dealing with the past. On this occasion, several documentaries of the Group for Video Activism were shown.

Belgrade, April 3rd - Meeting with 13 students and professor John Gould of the USA, Colorado College; Discussion on the feminist-antimilitaristic activities of the WIB, on the feminist approach to justice. The meeting was held at the WIB premises.

Zagreb, April 13th – In Search for Citizens: activist and artistic practices in post-Yugoslav space. Organizers: GONG and partner organizations. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of GONG, the conference was conceived as a space for recalling, sharing artistic, activist and media peace-building initiatives, protecting civil and human rights, the environment and public goods from the late 1980s to the present. On behalf of WIB participated Snežana Tabački.

Belgrade, April 24th: 22 years after the conflict: Are war crimes ended story? On the following issues: about blocking the confrontation with the past, the glorification of war crimes convicts at The Hague tribunal, the strengthening of the ruthless rhetoric... Discussion was organized by Forum ZFD and daily Danas, at the Center for Cultural Decontamination / CZKD. Participants: Natasa Kandic, Coordinator of the Coalition for REKOM, Vladimir Vukcevic, former war crimes prosecutor, Milos Teodorovic, editor-in-chief of the Belgrade correspondence Radio Free Europe, Aleksandar Roknic, editor of Danas. Numerous activists of WIB took part in the event.

Digital Book of Memory

In order to introduce and educate younger generation of activists on war and war crimes committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and above all on non-violent resistance and the artistic-activist engagement of WiB in relation to the past, in this reporting period, we prepared the following Digital publications:

1. We will never forget the crime in Strpci (February 27th, 1993) contains the following chapters:

- Facts about the crime and trial



- Letters from Milka Zuličić, mother of Zvezdan Zuličić, abducted in Štrpce
- abductions in Strpci - activists and associates
- Women in Black and crime in Štrpce (press releases, street actions, visiting crime scene, WiB video activist group -documentaries and video materials)

This digital book has 52 pages, it was edited by Stefan Milosavljevic, with the support of Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajovic, lay out by Marija Vidic.

2. The war in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Remember! Contains the following chapters:

- Solidarity - Collective correspondence between Belgrade and BH
- Personally is political - correspondence between Belgrade and BH
- Responsibility (WiB statements during and after the war in BH)
- Street actions
- Documentary Films of the WiB Video Activist Group on crimes in BH and resistance

This digital book has **100** pages, edited by Stefan Milosavljevic, with the support of Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajovic, lay out by Marija Vidic.

WOMEN'S COURT 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 May 7th to 10th 2015, organized by 10 women's groups from the former Yugoslavia (Movement Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa; Cure Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Centar for women victims of War; Centre for women's studies, Zagreb, Croatia; Center for women and peace education Anima, Kotor, Montenegro; The Council for Gender Equality, Skopje, Macedonia; Women's Lobby, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Center for women's studies and Women in Black, Belgrade, Serbia. Women's Court was attended by over **500** people from all the countries of the former Yugoslavia, but also from Argentina, Algeria, Palestine, Israel, USA, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, etc.

The final event in Sarajevo is not the end of the process, but rather an incentive to creating new models of justice out of the feminist perspective. It is the responsibility primarily to the witness, but also an expression of our responsibility to the enormous burden of the recent past.

In continuation of the Women's Court, Women in Black, Belgrade coordinate the program and other activities, with the support of organizations: Anima, Kotor (Montenegro), Center for Women War Victims, Zagreb (Croatia), the Foundation 'Cure', Sarajevo, some members of the former Organizing Committee of the Women's Court continue to participate sporadically (Council for Equality, Skopje, Macedonia), while the other members support without active participation.

In this reporting period, we are reporting activities of Women in Black and other organizations participating in the continuation of the process of Women's Court:



Public presentations of W'sC are consisted of following segments:

- *What is the Women's Court? What is the feminist approach to justice? The history and the process of organizing of the Women's Court*
- *Women's Court - Feminist Approach to Justice (52 minutes) - the documentary*
- *The witnesses speak about their experience testifying in the Women's Court in Sarajevo (What's meant for me to testify on W'sC ?, as well as the participation in the continuation of the process of W'sC)*

1. **Ljubljana, February 25th** - As part of marking the 25th anniversary of the "Erased" workshop was held on February 25th, 2017 in the Social Center "Rog", where about 15 women from the "Erased" community, children of "Erased", activists from the Social Center Rog, W'sC (Nela Pamuković and Staša Zajović), as well as Marijana Senjak, feminist therapist of the Women's Court were present. Women and children from the "Erased" community testified about the consequences of injustice and violence on emotional, psychological, moral integrity. Namely, this is a multi-layered violence, because various forms of violence are intertwined (ethnic / class / gender violence).



2. **Novi Bečej, March 26th** - Was held in a local community organized by Women in Black, Belgrade, NGO "Women Initiative of Vojvodina / LIVING", Novi Bečej and Women's Association of Women "Roza" from Zrenjanin. This event was attended by 20 people and witnesses participated: Nadežda Kostić, Vesna Đorđević, Marija Kovačev.
3. **Beograd, March 27th** - Humanitarian Law Center, following witnesses participated: Suvada Selimović, Rejha Avdić, Nadežda Kostić, as well as people from Humanitarian Law Center (19 persons).
4. **Nikšić, March 29th** - held at the hotel Sinčel organized by the Center for Women and Peace Education Anima from Kotor. This event was attended by 20 people. The witnesses participated: Zagorka Matović, Maja Jovović, Roksanda Peković i Binasa Džigal, organizers (Ljupka, Staša, Ervina).
5. **Pula, April 11th** - held at the Faculty of Philosophy in Pula, in the presence of about 25 persons (teaching staff and students, promotion organized by the Civic Initiative Poreč, Center for Women Victims of War, Zagreb and WIB, Belgrade. : Ljubica Anđelković Đukić, Novigrad, Milica Miladinović, Zagreb, Nadezda Kostić, Kruševac, Marica Šeatović, Novska, Jovanka Carević, Zagreb, organizers: Nela Pamuković, Biserka Momčinović and Staša Zajovic.
6. **Sarajevo, May 11th** - held at Kriterion Center in Sarajevo, organized by the CURE Foundation, Sarajevo and WIB, Belgrade, with the participation of witnesses: Nadezda Kostic, Kadefa Rizvanovic, Milica Miladinovic, Sabina Talovic, Sehida Abdurahmanovic; Organizers (Jadranka and Staša); 42 people present.
7. **Podgorica, May 15th** - the organizers of W'sC (Ljupka and Ervina), a witnesses from Montenegro, took part in this event and 24 people attended the event.
8. **Kotor, May 24th** - W'sC (Ljupka) organizer participated, and there were 18 women present. Witnesses from Montenegro participated: Maja Jovović and Sabina Talović.
9. **Belgrade, May 30th** - was held at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the Belgrade University, organized by Women in Black activist and student of the aforementioned faculty Stefan Milosavljević, and with the participation of one of the members of the International Court Council of the Women's Court Latinka Perović, associate of W'sC Snezana Milivojević, as well as the witnesses: Sabina Talović, Marica Šeatović, Marija Kovačev and Nadezda Kostić, organizers Staša Zajović, Daša Duhaček. At the beginning of this public presentation, about thirty people at-





tempted to prevent the event by shouting, insulting, glorifying war criminals However, after this incident, the debate continued with the participation of 40 people.

10. **Zlata, Serbia, June 18th** - organized by "Women of Polimlje" and WIB, Belgrade and participated by witnesses at W'sC: Binasa Džigal and Sabina Talović, as well as organizers. This event was attended by 17 people.

II Joint working consultative meetings

In this period, operational working meetings of organizations, experts, activists participating in the continuation of the W'sC process in Zagreb, Belgrade, Podgorica were held.

III Working meetings of Women in Black

As holders of program activities in the continuation of the W'sC process, they held working meetings (reporting activities, preparation of publications, documentation and archives of W'sC, preparation of regional witness meetings, preparation of publications on W'sC etc.



IV Video activism

Video activism which implies the realization of video material in relation to the feminist approach to justice, includes translation and subtitling of documentary films about the experiences of nonviolent movements against the impunity of crimes, neoliberal economic globalization, etc.

Documentary films made during this reporting period are already listed in the section ("Video activism - transitional justice - a feminist approach").

V Publications

In this reporting period, we have arranged the following publications:

Women's Court: about the Sarajevo event and the continuation of the process - in local languages and English

The book has 280 pages and was edited by Stasa Zajovic and Milos Urosevic. The book was published by Women in Black in 750 copies. The book consists of the following units: Introduction, texts of Latinka Perović, survivors of violence as subjects of justice: history from the bottom - Staša Zajović, witnesses at the Women's Court - actors of justice, five sessions of testimony at the Women's Court in Sarajevo, five articles of associates of W'sC, The recommendations of the International Trial Chamber, and as annexes, the book contains: The structure of the Women's Court, the Rules of the Women's Court, as well as the reviews of the book by Adriana Zaharijević and Dragica Vujadinović.

She left a mark on us - Zumra Šehomerović (1951 - 2017)

Publication in memory of Zumra Šehomerović, one of the founders of the "Mother of the Srebrenica and Žepa enclave" movement, a peace activist, witness at W'sC.

The publication has 32 pages, it was edited by Stasa Zajovic and consists of two parts: in the first part is what Zumra Sheehomerovic spoke during various events organized by Women in Black and in





the second part there are memories on Zumra, gathered on the event that took place on April 6th 2017 in the WiB premises.

Transcripts:

- Transcript of the regional meeting of the witnesses (Banji Vrujci, December 2016.), 16 pag.
- Transcript of the regional meeting of the witnesses (Vrnjačka Banja, 39 pag.)
- Public presentations, 40 pag.

Leaflet Women's Court: on the continuation of the process

The leaflet provides a brief overview of activities related to the continuation of the Women's Court: Feminist Approach to Justice process, which continued after the final event in Sarajevo (May 2015).



VI Participation of the witness and the organizers of WC in the activities of the Women in Black

(street actions, visiting the crime scenes, the educational programs):

1. Street actions

- Belgrade, February 27th *"We remember war crime in Štrpci"*
- Belgrade, March 8th *"Rise up, oppressed in the world"*
- Belgrade, March 21st *"Stop Racism Against Refugees"*
- Belgrade, April 6th *"25 years since the beginning of the war in BH - We remember"*
- Belgrade, May 9th, *Victory Day*
- Kruševac, May 20th *"We remember the brave resistance of women,"* the homage to courageous women who in 1999 in Kruševac rebelled against forced mobilization of men for the war in Kosovo.
- May 24th – *International Day of Action for Peace and Disarmament - Stop cluster munitions*, peace action in Knez Mihailova Street.

2. Visiting places of crimes:

- *Prijepolje, February 27th* - Commemorating the anniversary of the crime in Strpce, attended by witnesses at the W'sC: Binasa Džigal, Prijepolje and Sabina Talović, Pljevlja.
- *May 12th, Bratunac* - 25 years since the crimes committed in the Bratunac area - commemoration and funeral at the Veljaci cemetery, four activists from the WIB and one witness at the W'sC (Marija Kovačev, Novi Becej) attended.

(For more details on the mentioned commemorations, see the previous sections of this report)

3. Feminist ethics of care and responsibility

Monitoring the trial for the crime in the village of Kravica (genocide in Srebrenica) before the Special War Crimes Chamber in Belgrade. Witnesses at the W'sC provide emotional and moral support to the relatives of those killed who also follow the trial. In this period, the hearings held on February 13th, March 20th and April 13th were attended by the following witnesses and organizers of the W'sC: Milica Miladinović, Jovanka Carević, Nela Pamuković, Zagreb and Marica Šeatović, Novska; Marija Kovačev, Novi Becej, Snežana Obrenović, Kraljevo, together with activists of WIB.



4. Educational programs

- *Meeting of Women in Black Network* – 10th – 12th February in Vrnjackska Banja attended by witnesses and organizers from *Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Suvada Selimovic, Saha Hrustic; *Croatia*: Nela Pamuković, Jovanka Carević, Milica Miladinović, Marica Šeatović; *Serbia*: Stasa Zajovic, Nadezda Kostić, Binasas Džigal, Marija Kovačev and *Montenegro*: Ljupka Kovačević, Sabina Talović.
- “*Save Our Rights*”, educational program organized by Women of Polimlje from Prijepolje and Women in Black from Belgrade with the participation of witnesses: Binasas Džigal and Sabina Talović was held on April 27th in Priboj, on May 13th in Sjenica and on June 17th and 18th at Zlatar.
- *Women build peace together* - support of Women in Black, Đulici, May 26th - (Suvada Selimovic, Saha Hrustic, Rejha Avdic, Sehida Abdurahmanovic).



NETWORKS, COALITIONS MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Women in Black are leaders or active participants in 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.

Meeting of the Women in Black Network - Vrnjackska Banja, 10, 11 and 12th February 2017

68 people from the following countries attended: Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Great Britain, Poland, Brazil and Cuba.

From the program we highlight the following segments:

Friday, February 10th

“In Picture and Words” - on the activities of the Women in Black Network in Serbia in the previous period (from the Network meeting in September 2016), the activities of WiB Belgrade and the joint activities of the Network were presented. Spoke: Milos Urosevic (*War Crimes Trials*), Stasa Zajovic (*Women’s Court*) and Violeta Djikanovic (*Solidarity Support to Refugees*).

The meeting was continued with a discussion within the **discussion corner “Where and How”**

As a basis for the discussion, *Snezana Tabacki* presented the new Law on Housing and Maintenance of Buildings, as well as the Regulation on the Establishment of the Population Policy Council, whose adoption was accompanied by controversy, misunderstandings and negative reactions, while *Marijana Jovic* spoke about the situation of women with intellectual disabilities in social welfare institutions. In discussion took part: *Marija Kovačev, Bojan Aleksov, Anđelija*



Vučurević, Milkana Pavlović, Snežana Obrenović, Sanja Pavlović, Staša Zajović, Ljupka Kovačević and Aleksandar Kraus.

My suffering is not for sale! - in the debate about dilemmas regarding the support to vulnerable / disadvantaged groups, communities based on social, class, racial, ethnic affiliation, ideological or sexual determination ... participated: *Vesna Djordjevic, "Roza", Zrenjanin, Slavica Stanojlovic, "Pescanik", Krusevac, Andrijana Kocić, Alternative Center for Girls, Kruševac, Ljupka Kovačević, "Anima", Kotor, Mirko Medenica, Women in Black, Belgrade.*

Saturday, February 11th

A fast rise of ultraright-wing forces, at global, regional and local levels: Is a different world possible?

On various aspects of the crisis, populism and social demagogy, racism and xenophobia, the collapse of socio-economic rights in the context of neoliberal capitalism, etc., spoke: *Bojan Aleksov, School of Slavic and East European Studies, University College London, United Kingdom, Katarzyna Bielinska Kovalewska, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences Warsaw / Poland, Lino Veljak, Faculty of Philosophy, Zagreb, Jasmina Tešanović, writer, feminist-pacifist activist, Belgrade / Turin, Biljana Đorđević, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade, Biljana Stojković, Faculty of Biology, Belgrade and Roberto Molina, a correspondent from Cuba.*

Antimilitarism is my choice - a panel in which various forms of militarization were discussed (permanent production of fear, military interventionism, growth of military expenditures ...). The first part was dedicated to the issue of Montenegro's accession to the NATO pact and *the need to reach a decision on this in a referendum.*

Participants were: *Ervina Dabižinović, Anima, Kotor and Sabina Talović, Bonafide, Pljevlja.*

In the second part, we spoke about *why Serbia did not / need Russian war planes, restoration of compulsory military service...* Participants were: *Dragan Stojkovic, sociologist, Mostart Publishing House, Belgrade, Stefan Milosavljevic, student of the Faculty of Political Sciences, activist of Woman in Black, Belgrade and Stasa Zajovic, WiB, Belgrade.*

In the third part, a Polish documentary **"Soldiers Who Do not Exist"** is shown on the participation of Russian soldiers in the war in Ukraine. Although Russia is not officially in the war in Ukraine, it is sending its troops there, as evidenced by the coffins with dead soldiers. Families of killed soldiers at night bury soldiers who died in Ukraine, because authorities do not allow them to do it during the day.

The film was translated and presented by **Katarzyna Bjelinska.**

In the debate that followed the Polish film "Soldiers Who Do not Exist", participated more than fifteen activists.

Within the framework of the presentation of **activist art**, the documentaries of the Group for Video Activism of Women in Black were *screened* by *Marija Vidić.*

Evening was reserved for the **art program:**

The performance "25 glasses of wine" of founder and director of Dah Theater, *Dijana Milosevic* on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its establishment, in which is briefly and concisely shown, not only the history of theater, but also the history of our country was performed.

Than *Jasmina Tesanovic* performed her **performance** *Wreathing War Songs* by translating their military content into something completely different.





On the last day of the meeting, activities were **agreed in the upcoming period, and evaluation was performed.**

(You can find an integral report on the meeting of the WiB Network on our website)

Independent monitoring of the implementation of Resolution 1325 'Women, Peace, Security' - research project

Women in Black deal with the issue of security from the very beginning of their work (1991) by promoting all forms of demilitarization, conscientious objection, through education (conferences, seminars, workshops), street actions, research projects, launching legislative initiatives, publishing activities, etc. .

Women in Black carried out Independent monitoring of the implementation of the National Action Plan / NAP for R1325 in Serbia in 2011, 2012 and 2013, which provides extensive documentation on the WiB website. Independent monitoring of R1325 application continued in 2017. The WiB Working Group, in cooperation with women's groups: Autonomous Women's Center and Astra, as well as with the Humanitarian Law Center, are following the following indicators:

- 1. The process of transitional justice** (courts and trials at the national and international level, monitoring of the trial at the Special Court in Belgrade, reparations, the process of dealing with the past at the level of the society, contribution of the CSO to the process of dealing with the past - campaigns on the contribution of women in dealing with the past ...)
- 2. Sexual violence** (sexual crimes against women during the war in the former Yugoslavia, women trafficking - impunity for sexual crimes committed against women during the war in the former Yugoslavia, inability to exercise the right to reparations, legal protection for women victims of war in the former Yugoslavia , remarks on the Law on Civilian Victims of War ...), etc.
- 3. Militarization at the state and society level** (production and sale of weapons, the impact on the non-security of women-violence against women in the family, cultural patterns of fear production, authoritarianism, xenophobia, racism, uniformity, homophobia, especially in the media, militarism in school institutions , misuse and militarization of the refugee tragedy, etc.).
- 4. The position of the human rights defenders** (the gap between factual and normative in Serbia - the impunity of violence against defenders - judicial practice; demonization of defenders in the public, primarily in the media (the WiB case).



During this reporting period, working meetings were held: February 9th and March 2nd in Radmilovec near Belgrade, with 13 members of the working group taking part.

Save Our Rights! - education program is implemented by Association "Women of Polimlje" from Prijepolje, with the support of Women in Black from Belgrade. The aim of the program is to raise women's awareness of the disastrous effects of the abuse of religion on women's human rights, as well as the launching of solidarity unions and joint actions against clericalist and fundamentalist practices.

Within this program, the following activities were held during this reporting period:

Priboj, April 27th "We will not go back - defending our rights!" - the seminar consisted of the following segments:

Fundamentalism: an attack on women's rights, democracy, freedom, choice - women's answers... workshop on the abuse of religion, ethnicity, cultural heritage in various contexts

Abuse of religion, customs, cultural heritage - feminist and democratic responses - interactive lecture



Women's resistance to fundamentalisms on various meridians

Projection of the documentary films from activist groups from Iran, Russia, as well as the WiB group for the video activism movie on street action of the WiB and the artistic collective Škart against clericalization in Serbia.

The workshops were coordinated by: Stasa Zajovic and Binasa Dzical, and 18 women from Priboj, Prijepolje, Nova Varos and Belgrade took part.

Solidarity is our strength

Solidarity actions - with members of 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 many 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...

During this period we organized the following activities:

Direct actions - solidarity assistance in the field has several segments and includes:

Visits to places where refugees are located - hangars / barracks near the Bus station, parks at the Faculty of Economy and the Bus Station in Belgrade; Border crossings, self-organized refugee camps, reception centers for refugees, etc. During this period activists of the WiB provided solidarity assistance several times a week during this period, primarily in hangars / barracks, parks. In this period we worked with volunteers from Slovenia, Spain (No name kitchen), Germany, as well as with 'Doctors Without Borders'. Women activists from all over Serbia and the region also took part in the collection of assistance. The visit to the reception centers for refugees was prevented due to the denial permit by the Commissariat for Refugees.

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 situation, etc. These actions are organized during visits to the places where refugees are located, all refugees are involved; In this period at the premises of the WiB refugee Asif Bahar from Afghanistan held for ten hours a course of language for activists of the WiB.





Artistic activist actions of solidarity with refugees - street peace actions - protests over abuses and militarization of refugee tragedies, fostering solidarity of citizens with war refugees. This activity segment also includes the aesthetic dimension of solidarity (printing flyers, making badges, banners in Arabic, Farsi, English, Serbian). In this period, street actions were organized on March 21st - International Day Against Racism.

Documentary films about solidarity actions: The WiB video activist group recorded short films about street actions, artistic-activist programs, which has already been mentioned in this report. We also have a rich photo documentation on solidarity actions.

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

Writing and sending reports - in Serbian and English, for domestic and international networks and institutions we cooperate with to familiarize ourselves with the problems of refugees, their position, their human rights, abuses and discrimination, both at the level of institutions and society. In this reporting period, women activists and activists of Women in Black produced **18** reports on actions for direct assistance to refugees on the ground, in Serbian and English.

Reporting abuses and militarization of the refugee tragedy - cases of repression, abuse, exploitation of refugees by state and non-state actors in the form of robbery and enrichment at the expense of refugees.

Monitoring of the application of measures by institutions - fulfillment of obligations undertaken by the state on the basis of international conventions on the situation of refugees and asylum seekers - a gap between factual and normative state (*Read more about this in Mirko Medenica reports "One Year since the closure of the Balkan Route", March 2017. In Serbian and English you can find on WiB website).*

Repression against activists - during the entire duration of the refugee crisis, independent organizations, critical of government, such as Women in Black, have been denied access to refugee sites. Numerous requests to allow WiB activists to enter camps, even in order to provide assistance, have been rejected. They received threats from the Commissariat for Refugees, photographed and otherwise maltreated, etc. (*A comprehensive report on discrimination can be found on the WiB website: Attacks on Women in Black January 2017, Dossier No. 8).*

International solidarity - contacts with international networks for the exchange of information, the development of joint actions, the organization of visits to the places where refugees reside in Serbia, during this period we organized numerous visits, international conferences, debates. (*About this you can find comprehensive information both in this report and on the WiB website).*



Discussion circles, lectures, debates at the Women in Black premises - "Wednesday at the 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, screenings of films in which about **155** persons participated:

February 1st - Projection of the documentary film **"A record of the graveyard, Jewish bridge and neighbors who are gone"**, produced by the Academic Forum Initiative 10. The film, which lasts 18.30 minutes, questions the existence and



life of the Jewish community in Novi Pazar until the beginning of the German occupation and expulsion of the Jews from Novi Pazar in 1942. **18** people participated.

February 8th - Black protest / Black Monday in Poland, a lecture on Catholic fundamentalism and the struggle for the right to abortion was held by *Katarzyna Bielińska-Kowalewska*, a philosopher and politologist from Warsaw. This debate was attended by **22** people.

February 15th - Talk about the book **“Marks is Not Dead”** by Damir Pilić (Split, Zagreb, Athens and London), Arkzin, 2016. The texts from the book were commented on by 12 activists, while **24** people attended the debate.

February 22nd - On the upcoming presidential elections in Serbia, a conversation involved **22** people.

March 15th - “The Trilogy” of the concept “Truth, Love and Work”, presentation of the artwork by Mireia Sallares, visual artist from Barcelona. The project “Love” in Serbia is the second part of the trilogy entitled “Like a little water in the palm”. This presentation was attended by **27** people.

March 22nd - “What is the masculinum of word virgin - a highly educated Roma woman’s elite in Vojvodina”, **13** people attended the promotion of *Svenka Savić Ph.D.*, sociologists and feminist activists.

March 29th - “Do you remember me in slavery?”, A screening of the documentary film about the war crimes of rape by journalist *Ana Manojlovic*, attended by **10** people.

April 26th - A lecture on the policy of public space was held by *Aleksandar Bobic*, an independent thinker and creator. *Sonja Prodanovic* spoke about eco-feminism, **19** people participated in the debate.



Mutual support and solidarity

In this period, we also participated in numerous international conferences, civil society initiatives in the organization of related groups; Here we chronologically list those in which we had active participation (lecturers, panelists ...):

Novi Pazar, March 2nd “Nationalism as the cause of radicalism and extremism” - a debate organized by the Academic Initiative Forum 10 from Novi Pazar was held at the OSCE Training Center; In this debate participated: *Borka Pavićević*, *CZKD*, *Stasa Zajović*, *WiB*, *Dr. Redžep Škrijelj*, State University in Novi Pazar, *Lino Veljak*, Ph.D., Faculty of Philosophy, Zagreb.

Belgrade, March 3rd, “Advancement of human rights and zero tolerance for discrimination”, round table was attended by representatives of state bodies (Prosecutor’s Office, MIA, Ombudsman) and representatives of NGOs. *Mirko Medenica*, who spoke about the position of a human rights defender, primarily on the attacks on *WiB*, participated on behalf of *WiB*.

Belgrade, March 6th: The situation of refugee women and the solidarity of feminists with refugees

Participants: *Meline Cilingir*, Turkey, *Stasa Zajovic*, *WiB*, *Atina (Marija Savić) Astra (Ivana Radović)*, *Dijana Malbaša (AWC)*, moderated by *Mina Damnjanović*, *WiB*; Panel discussion was held within the framework of the conference “Femicide: Every Woman’s Murder - Responsibility and the Shame of the Criminal, State and Society” organized by the Women’s Network against Violence.



Campaigns, appeals

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

From the appeal and campaign we quote:

The crime in Štrpci - the families deprived of justice for 24 years

- The statement states, that "the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC), Women in Black, the Youth Initiative for Human Rights and the Sandžak Committee for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms recall the responsibility of the institutions of the Republic of Serbia for this crime, and the fact that victims families continue to wait for judicial justice in Serbia, as well as recognition of the status of families of civilian victims of war."

Stand up, oppressed in the world! - "In Serbia, as in the rest of the world, there are more unemployed, socially and health vulnerable women, they are more victims of abuse at work and victims of domestic and partner violence and murders, and more victims of sexual violence in general. The authorities are incapable of offering a way out of the structural crisis and improving the lives of the population, thus encouraging interethnic tensions and creating an atmosphere of fear, which in turn has the effect of strengthening nationalism, patriarchy and retraditionalization at all levels," is said in a statement on March 8th.

Stop Racism Against Refugees! - in a statement on the occasion of March 21st - International Day Against Racism Women in Black expressed "the strongest protest against racist, xenophobic, fascist attacks against refugees - in the media, in statements by officials, amongst the population", as well as the "request to stop the war In Syria and elsewhere - responsibility for war, starvation and destruction is also borne by European countries that are guided solely by geo-strategic interests and the sale of weapons." The WiB reiterated *solidarity* with "women and children as the most vulnerable part of the refugee population, but also with men who refuse to be cannon fodder in wars, seeking shelter in European countries," etc.

25 years since the start of the war in BH - Remember - in this release, the WiB recalls that "Agression on Bosnia and Herzegovina was an integral part of Milosevic's state policy. In the name of this policy and the project of the Greater Serbia, civilians who were expelled were also taken to the camps because of their national and religious affiliation. The purpose of this was to take over their country, plunder material goods, seize and take over other houses and apartments and suppress the traces of cultural and civilizational traces." WiB also repeats: "We will not stop seeking responsibility





for crimes committed in BH. We have the right to continually ask questions about the past, disturb the political elites, as well as the whole society. We are convinced that without considering what has happened in the past, without reassessing responsibility for what has happened, neither the present nor the future can be built on the respect of the dignity of victims and human rights.”

Women in Black sue Informer for the lies and hate campaign – on the occasion of the trial on April 26th 2017. The statement said: “Informer in a series of articles published in November last year led a campaign of hatred against individuals and organizations who have a critical attitude towards the government of Aleksandar Vucic. Special smear campaign was launched against the non-governmental organization Women in Black because of our principled commitment to identify and punish the perpetrators of war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. In an article dated on November 9th “Women in Black largest foreign mercenaries” for which we sued them, Informer deliberately presents incorrect information about the amount and method of funding of the Women in Black in order to insult, undermine the reputation of WiB and mark us as a state and national enemy” etc.

Stop the persecution of gay people in Chechnya - a statement by Women in Black, Da se zna LGBT, Labris, Gayten LGBT, Autonomous Women’s Center, Network of Women Against Violence, Consultation for lesbian, Equality states “We express our solidarity with all non-heterosexual people that are threatened in the Russian Republic of Chechnya. These people are imprisoned in concentration camps, where they are exposed to the most cruel tortures: they are beaten, they are given electric shocks, they are raped. Three were killed. These protests demand from Russian and Chechen authorities, primarily of Russian President Vladimir Putin, as well as its political puppet Kadirov to immediately stop the state-organized persecution of people who were imprisoned and tortured only for one reason: because they love people of the same gender”.



International policy - participation in international conferences, meetings, of which we quote:

January 30th and 31st, Warsaw, Poland - A Consultative Meeting for Human Rights Defenders Working in Conflict, Protracted Conflict, Post-conflict and Emergency State situations) organized by the ODIHR in Warsaw. Participants in the meeting were human rights defenders from Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, Georgia, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Tajikistan, Poland, Moldova, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Sweden. All participants had very interesting presentations. On behalf of WiB, Mirko Medenica, spoke about the attacks on the WiB and about the current refugee crisis on the Balkan route.

March 24th – 26th, Rome, Italy - The annual meeting of the International Women’s League for Peace and Freedom was held in Rome (Casa delle Donne). Mina Damjanović participated on behalf of WiB and spoke about the Women’s Court, about actions of solidarity with war refugees, etc.

During this period, WiB also had large number of international visits of an activists/researchers from around the world.

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