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REPORT

**for the period
May – August 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 seven (7) actions, and we also actively participated in other street actions:

- commemoration/marketing of important dates of crimes committed on our name
- feminist, anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-militarist actions...

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

Krusevac, May 20 “We remember the brave resistance of women” - a peace action on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the protest of citizens of Krusevac and other cities of the Rasina district against the forced mobilization of men and sending them to the war in Kosovo in 1999. At the Hero Square, renamed the Brave Women’s of the Rasina District Square, 18 women held eighteen mirrors where three words were wrote: remembrance, responsibility and solidarity.

The action was organized by the Women’s Association Peščanik, the Women’s Network of the Rasina District, the Women in Black Women Network and the Women’s Court witnesses, the local activists (Alternative Center for Girls from Kruševac), **50** women participated.



Belgrade, June 19 “We remember women raped in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina” - on the occasion of the International Day Against Sexual Violence in the war, Women in Black and the Network Against Violence Against Women organized a peace action on the Republic Square, in which forty (40) activist participated.

During the protest, the following banners were raised: In the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, more than 20,000 women were raped; Remember crimes against women in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-1996); We remember women raped in war, etc. On that occasion, a scene action took place during which the activists wrote the names of the places where the rapes occurred: Foča, Grbavica, Sasa mine, Vogošća Motel, Omarska camp, Keraterm camp, Trnopolje camp, Manjača camp, Ceparde camp, Luka camp, Hotel Vilina Vlas, Karamans house, Čelebići, Dretelj, sports hall Partizan, Buk Bijela, Kalinovik, Miljevina ...



Belgrade, July 10th - Srebrenica 8372 - On the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, the Women in Black Network with the support of the Multimedia Center Led art, Dah Theater, Youth Initiative for Human Rights, the Autonomous Women’s Center, organized on the Republic Square in Belgrade on



July 10th 2017, action in black and silence "Srebrenica 8372 ...".

This action, as every year, is planned to be held on the Republic Square, in front of the monument to Prince Michael. The action is properly reported to the police. Upon the arrival of activists on the Republic Square, where a gathering was supposed to take place, there was already a group of people, among them a large number of members of extreme right-wing organizations. Simo Spasic (from the association of Serbs kidnapped and killed in Kosovo) led the action. Also was present Radomir Počuča, conditionally convicted of taking part in the war in Ukraine, recently acquitted of the criminal act of endangering the security of Women in Black activists, Miša Vacić, the leader of the 1389 fascist organization, convicted of attacks on LGBT people, who until recently was a government adviser, Milovan Drecun, a journalist who stood out during the wars of spreading hatred towards other nations, especially towards the Albanians in Kosovo, today the MP of the Serbian Progressive Party and the chairman of the assembly committee for Kosovo. A large number of members of the extremist organization Zavetnici, as well as the neo-Nazi organization Alternativa, were noticed. They held Russian and Serbian flags, as well as images war criminals Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. The police moved the citizens who came to the Women in Black assembly to the other end of the Republic Square, surrounded them, practically restricted movement and access to the gathering. Activists and citizens who wanted to join had problems because the police did not allow them to join. At the same time, members of the right-wing organizations freely moved, retrieved, threatened and insulted the citizens who came to honor the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica. The police told us that the announcement for the right-wing counter protest was received during the day and according to the procedure each public event must be reported five days before the event. When we asked the police officer how they received the permit, he replied: "They were called from the Cabinet of the Minister of Interior!"

Although the authorities were entitled to refuse the permit, for a gathering at the same time and at the same location, to persons known to be violent as well as it was obvious that their only goal was to prevent and hinder a Women in Black protest, the police allowed extreme right-wingers to protest.





Women in Black held their peace action across the street from the monument, at the other end of the Republic Square. Ten activists stepped on the scene holding blank black papers. On the left, the activists kept the banners Solidarity and I confess, and on the right side of the banner, Accountability and Srebrenica, We remember. At one point, the activists turned the paper so that the letter SREBRENICA was seen in silver.

Behind them, a group of activists held silver papers on which it was written 8372 ... activists stood across the counter-protesters holding these banners.

About one hundred (100) activists participated in this action.

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

Belgrade, May 9th “Antifascism is our Choice” - on the occasion of Victory Day over fascism, Women in Black organized anti-fascist street action on the Republic Square in Belgrade.

The following banners were raised at the protest: Europe 1937-2017; No pasaran; Solidarity against fascism; Stop racism against refugees.

At the protest, the activists held the reproduction of Pablo Picasso Gernika's painting and the inscription Never Ever, which was written in seven languages: English, Spanish, Euskera/Basque, French, German, Italian, Serbian.

On that occasion, the *antifascist choir Our Song* sang the anti-fascist songs from the territory of the former Yugoslavia and the whole world. In this action, forty (40) activists from Women in Black and the Youth Initiative for Human Rights participated.



Belgrade, May 24 “Stop cluster munitions!” - on the occasion of the 24th of May - International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament, Women in Black organized a feminist-anti-militarist action under the slogan “Stop cluster munitions” in Knez Mihailova Street.

The following banners were raised at the event: May 24 - International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament; Everything for peace, health and knowledge, nothing for arms; Stop cluster munitions; Serbia only in the region has not signed the Convention on the Ban on Cluster Munitions; Cluster bomb victims in Serbia have no right to international assistance because Serbia has not signed the Convention. Fifteen (15) activists took part in the action.



Belgrade, June 27 “Hate Free Zone” - on the occasion of June 27th, International Day of LGBTIQ Pride, the Organization Da se zna, Gayten - LBGT and Women in Black organized a peace ac-





tion dedicated to solidarity with war refugees. The action was held in the park near the Economic Faculty, in the area where war refugees gather, and from where the representatives of the city authorities and Commissariat for Refugees removed them, under the pretext of 'protection of green areas'. Thirty activists (30) and dozens of refugees took part in the protest of solidarity with refugees, and at the same time protest over the growing repression of refugees. On this occasion, support was provided to refugees in the request for opening borders, obtaining asylum, respecting human rights, etc.

Belgrade, July 17 "No woman less, no more dead!" - a protest in front of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Labor, Employment, Social and Veterans Affairs because two women and a four-year-old child were killed in July, and three employees of the Center for Social Work were injured. The activists demanded the responsibility of the institutions and ministries for the omissions that led to these crimes. The protest was directed against growing male violence against women in Serbia - only in 2017, 18 women were killed.

During the action activists shouted slogans "Justice before the crime, not after! Responsibility! Stop killing women!"; "The state has the highest power, and therefore its responsibility is greatest", etc. There were messages on the banners "No woman less, no more dead", "Stop femicide", "Let's do it until it's not too late", "Why they are not there among us", "Male violence against women is a crime".

Activists ended the announcement with a clear political message "The system must change! If it does not change, we will change it!".

The action was organized by: Women's Network Against Violence, Autonomous Women's Center and Women in Black, and over 100 women participated.





FACING THE PAST TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - A FEMINIST APPROACH

This is one of the most important activities of Women in Black. It consists of a multitude 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 crime committed in our name as well as other crimes against the civilian population during the wars in the former Yugoslavia:

During this reporting period, Women in Black visited:

May 12, Bratunac - 25 years since the crimes committed in Bratunac (Bosnia and Herzegovina). In the Bratunac area in 1992, 602 people were killed and 18,000 were expelled. The commemoration and the funeral at the Veljaci cemetery were attended by four activists of the WiB, as well as a witness at the WoC Marija Kovačev, Novi Becej.

June 1, Zvornik "We Remember!" - on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the crime in Zvornik municipality, Women in Black, together with the Association of Victims of the Municipality of Zvornik, marked the 25th anniversary of the mass crimes committed against the Bosniak population. During May and June 1992, Serb armed formations committed crimes of ethnic cleansing, robbery, torture, killing ...

On May 31, 1992, the Serb armed forces expelled more than a dozen civilians from 13 villages from the area of Zvornik municipality, and about 700 men were then killed. Eight (8) activists of WiB, as well as witnesses at the Women's Court (Marica Šeatović from Croatia and Nadezda Kostic from Serbia) participated in the following commemorative rallies: the peace march 'The path of death' with victims families and survivors; visit to the mass grave Crni vrh. On the same day, the remains of nine victims were buried in the memorial cemetery in Memici. So far, about 500 victims have been buried.

July 11, Srebrenica "Solidarity and Responsibility" - commemoration in the Memorial Center Potocari / Srebrenica. Twenty (20) activists from the Women in Black network from all over Serbia attended the ceremony.

July 18, Belgrade "The crime in Orahovac - We Remember!" - at the cemetery Orlovaca, near Belgrade, Commemoration to the victims of war crimes, Serbian civilians, committed in Orahovac, Kosovo. On 18 July 1998, in the area of Orahovac municipality and surrounding villages, Retimlje, Opterusa, Zociste and Velika Hoca, an armed attack by the Kosovo Liberation Army was carried out against Serb civilians when five people were killed and 35 men were kidnapped and killed, while all Serbs from the villages of Retimlje and Opterusa were expelled. In Orahovac and its surroundings, during July 1998, more than 100 people were taken to the camps, and 47 people





were killed or later abducted. So far, the remains of 40 victims have been found.

Eight (8) women activists in the Women in Black network (from Leskovac, Kraljevo, Novi Bečej, Nis, Belgrade, as well as an activist from Mali Lošinj / Croatia attended a commemoration and laid a wreath with the inscription "We Remember the Crimes in Orahovac". We supported the families of the killed, especially in their demands for establishing all the facts about this crime and bringing all perpetrators to justice.

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 meetings and visits:

May 12th and 13th, Bjelovac, Bratunac municipality - in solidarity and support with Rejha Avdic, activists of the Association "Women of Srebrenica", witnesses at the WoC, were four activists from the WiB Belgrade and Marija Kovačev, a witness at WoC from Novi Bečej.

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

Punishability of the crime - the path to just peace: monitoring the trial at the Special Court

Trial for a crime in Kravica - before the War Crimes Chamber of the Special Court in Belgrade at the Special Court in Belgrade for war crimes in the village of Kravica (murder of 1313 Bosnian Muslims, within the Srebrenica genocide, on July 13, 1995).

In this reporting period, two (2) hearings were held: May 31 and June 13, on both were activists of the WiB together with the families of victims, and reports from the above mentioned hearings can be found on the WiB website.

It is important to note that on July 14, 2017 and at the anniversary of the crime in the village of Kravica, the Court of Appeal decided to annul the indictment for this crime, because it was raised at the moment when the War Crimes Prosecutor did not have a Chief Prosecutor. Namely, from January 1, 2016, Chief Prosecutor Vladimir Vukcevic went to retirement, and since then, the Prosecutor's Office did not have a prosecutor. Human rights organizations, primarily the Humanitarian Law Center / HLC, believe that the postponement of the election of the first man of the Special Court was a deliberate action with the aim to disrupt the trials. The trial for the crime in the village of Kravica is the most serious case before this court, so the annulment of this indictment is "the humiliation of victims losing elemental trust in the Serbian judiciary" (HLC).



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", in this period, several working meetings were organized in connection with the design and realization of activist-artistic actions with artistic 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, the activities focused on:

- *Commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide* - several working meetings were held: in Novi Sad (June 23rd) and July 5th in the WiB premises with the participation of 25 activists, as well as on July 8th, when the artistic -active team realized definitive technical preparations.
- *The exhibition Disobedient at the Museum of Contemporary Art + MSUM (Museum of Contemporary Art) in Ljubljana* from June 29 to October 1. The exhibition presents activist-artistic artifacts of street actions of Women in Black (photos, banners ...); Katalin Ladik, Novi Sad / Budapest, multimedia artists present the artistic scene of the 1960s (visual and sound poetry, postmodern narrative performance, writer ...) and Eulalie Grau, Barcelona - feminist artists from Catalonia; her main medium is photo / photo-fitting, she began her artistic engagement in the 1970s, Eulalie was politically engaged against the dictatorship of Franco in Spain. The opening of the exhibition (June 29th) was attended by WiB activists: Sabina Talović, Snežana Tabački, Staša Zajović and Zorica Trifunović, as well as Djordje Balmazović from the artistic collective Škart with whom WiB cooperates from the beginning of his work.





VIDEO ACTIVISM: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE - FEMINIST APPROACH

In order to improve the visibility of and the effects of various models of transitional justice, especially those from the feminist point of view, promoting Women in Black, in 2010, a group of video activists was created, 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, so that it, in the form of short films, becomes available to the general public. The WiB video activists group is coordinated by Marija Vidić, in cooperation with Marija Arandjelović, Zinaida Marjanović and other activists of WiB. In this reporting period, the group realized the following video materials:

- **"She left a mark on us"** - a documentary (26.09 min) About Zumra Šehomerović (1951 - 2017), the founder of the Mothers of the Srebrenica and Žepa enclave organization, activist of the WiB Network, a witness at the Women's Court, a brave woman, activist for peace and justice.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPW--LpX5hQ&feature=youtu.be>
- **"He left a mark on us"** - a documentary (19.14 min.) About Lazar Stojanovic (1944-2017), an artist, a fighter for democracy and punishment of all war crimes, a friend of WiB.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCfc5X4-rCk&t=10s>
- **"She left a mark on us"** - a documentary (17.27 min.) About Tatjana Tanja Tagirov, a journalist of the weekly Vreme, anti-fascist activist, a friend of the WiB.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zT0FYGvFv08&feature=youtu.be>
- **"We remember the women raped in the war in Bosnia"** (2.14 min.) - a peace action on the occasion of the International Day Against Sexual Violence in Conflict, June 19 2017 at the Republic Square in Belgrade.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zwlvi_1P0d4&feature=youtu.be
- **"Srebrenica 8372"** - a documentary (4.36 min.) on the commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide organized by the WiB on July 10 2017, at Republic Square in Belgrade.
- **"No woman less, no more dead"** (2.3 min.) - about feminist action against femicide organized on July 17 2017 in Belgrade.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EBJQMlfsk>



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. Women in Black, during the five years, are the leaders of program activities of the Women's Court. 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 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), Foundation 'Cure', Sarajevo, some members of the former Organizing Committee of the Women's Court that took part in the events in Sarajevo participates sporadically (Gender Equality Council, Skopje, Macedonia), while other members of the support activities without active participation.

Regional meeting of Women's Court - Vrnjačka banja, May 19th- 21st

This meeting was attended by 32 people from the following countries:

Witness at the W'sC:

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Nura Mustafić, Suvada Selimović, Šaha Hrustić, Šehida Abdurahmanović i Rejha Avdić

Montenegro: Roksanda Peković i Sabina Talović

Croatia: Jovanka Carević, Milica Miladinović i Marica Šeatović

Macedonia: Marijonka Anastasovska

Slovenia: Mirjana Učakar

Serbia: Nadežda Kostić, Mirjana Mijailović, Marija Kovačev i Binasa Džigal

Organizers, therapists of W'sC: Ljupka Kovačević, Nela Pamuković, Staša Zajović, Mira Vilušić





Activists, associates W'sC: Snežana Obrenović (WIB, Kraljevo), Refija Hadibulić (Bajramovići/Srebrenica), Ljiljana Radovanović, Violeta Đikanović, Senka Knežević, WIB, Belgrade; Senka Rastoder, Bar; Milica Lupšor, 'Roza', Zrenjanin, Božana Ivanović, Kruševac, Mubera Maslić Ždralović, Women Victims of War, Zagreb, Ljiljana Čantrak, NORAS 381, Belgrade, Valentina Luketa, Split.

The program of this meeting consisted of the following:

Activities related to the process of the Women's Court in the previous period (from December 2016 to May)

Witnesses = activists (participation of witnesses in network actions ... (WIB, Anima, Center for Women Victims of War, CURE ...): on the activities of witnesses within the Women in Black network, more detailed further in this report.



Witnesses and organizers from Montenegro talked about the socio-political context of the women's uprising in Montenegro (March - June 2017), the motives for participation in the nonviolent rebellion, the resistance of mothers to the unfair reduction of benefits for mothers with three or more children. They talked about continuous protests, a ten-day women's hunger strike they participated in.

Binasa Džigal, Women of Polimlje, Prijepolje spoke about activities against the abuse of religion, customs in Sandzak, which they started, together with Women in Black from Belgrade, the educational program "We will not reverse our rights".

Witnesses from Srebrenica talked about a solidarity visit to Belgrade organized by the WIB on March 24th, 2017, etc.

She left a trace in us – In memoriam to Zumra Šehomerović (1951 - 2017), a witness on W'sC who passed away in February 2017.

How long have we went? Where do we go? - During this, but also previous regional meetings, the witnesses expressed:

- *Satisfaction with the continuation of the W'sC process:* („It is very important to me that we continued on“, very frequent testimony of the witnesses);
- *The expectations of witnesses from the W'sC regarding the continuation of the process are large, in an emotional, political view* (“to preserve our family“, „to continue to educate ourselves“, „to take on obligations ...“);
- *Readiness of the participants in the process to foster emotional connection and political principles:* (“A community of women has been created, connected not only with pain but also with strength ...“);
- *The determination to create a place for the testimony of other women:* on the violence that they survived in order to further develop justice from a feminist perspective;
- *The feminist ethics of responsibility* is also expressed in the witnesses as a takeover of concrete obligations to continue the process in the form of organizing the “mini W'sC “ (on specific issues, putting pressure on the institutional legal system, and feminist concern is expressed in providing mutual emotional and moral support ...)





Suggestions were submitted for the maintenance of "mini W'sC" and other activities in the continuation of the W'sC process:

- *Organizing „mini“ women's courts* on specific problems faced by women: Among the proposals for the „mini W'sC“ frequently referred were: violence / discrimination on ethnic grounds, including persecution, as well as issues related to violations of labor rights of women, violence of the state, militarization at the level of society and the state ... We can conclude that this is a multi-layered violence, that various forms of violence are intertwined (ethnic / class / gender / militaristic violence).

It is also agreed that if there are no conditions for organizing the „mini W'sC“, it is necessary to create spaces for women to speak publicly about injuries, repressed traumas, in the form of workshops, circles, meetings ...

In the continuation of the debate *"The Feminist Ethics of Responsibility"*, the witnesses and organizers spoke about the concrete obligations that will be undertaken in the continuation of the W'sC process (preparation of 'mini', „mini W'sC“, public presentations, debates, workshops ...).

Peace action "We remember the brave resistance of women", homage to courageous women who in 1999 in Krusevac rebelled against forced mobilization of men for war in Kosovo. About **50** women from all the countries of the former Yugoslavia participated in this action (witnesses, W'sC organizers, as well as local activists).

Solidarity is our strength - on actions of solidarity support and assistance to war refugees from the Middle East and Africa ... In this panel spoke:

Mubera Maslić-Ždralović, orientalist (translator from Arabic), activist

Ljiljana Čantrak, NORAS 381, Beograd

Violeta Đikanović, WIB activist in solidarity actions with refugees

Binasa Džigal, witness at the W'sC, NGO "Women of Polimlje", Prijepolje, activist in refugee camp in Sjenica

Sabina Talović, witness at the W'sC, NGO "Bonafide", Pljevlja, activist in refugee camp in Sjenica

Participants of the panel talked about solidarity assistance and support actions: direct support actions and assistance to refugees in refugee camps, self-organized camps, parks, street actions of solidarity ... All participants have listed cases of abuse of refugee tragedy, primarily at the state level (cases of repression, abuse, exploitation of refugees by state and non-state actors in the form of robbery and extortion), etc.

Joint reflection on current socio-political issues in the region and in the world: mostly the talk was about strengthening ultraviolet forces throughout the region, the revision of BH's verdict against Serbia before the International Court of Justice; About "blocking" the dealing with the past process in the region, about the elections in Serbia, about student protests in Serbia ...

Screening of the documentaries of the group for video activism of WIB and related organizations

At the end of the regional meeting, a comprehensive plan of activities was drawn up for the upcoming period.





Promotion of Women's Court - Feminist Approach to Justice

In this reporting period we organized ten (7) public presentations, in six (3) states of former Yugoslavia. There were 200 participants in total:

Public presentations of WC 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 WC ?, as well as the participation in the continuation of the process of WC)*

1. **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, Se-hida Abdurahmanovic; Organizers (Jadranka and Staša); 42 people present.

2. **Podgorica, May 15th** - the organizers of W'sC (Ljupka Kovačević and Ervina Dabižinović), a witnesses from Montenegro, took part in this event and 24 people attended the event.

3. **Kotor, May 24th – W'sC** (Ljupka K.) organizer participated, and there were 18 women present. Witnesses from Montenegro participated: Maja Jovović and Sabina Talović.

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

5. **Zlatar, 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.

6. **Belgrade, July 1** - within the "School of Transitional Justice" organized by the Humanitarian Law Center / HLC - a public presentation of the WoC was held; Staša Zajović and Sabina Talović took part in the event, and about thirty (30) participants attended the event, mostly students from the Faculty of Political Sciences and the Faculty of Law in Belgrade.

7. **Bijelo Polje / Montenegro, August 18** - An event organized by Anima from Kotor was held with the participation of witnesses from the WoC from Montenegro in the presence of 25 people.





Women's Court promotions - a feminist approach to the justice-international level

Organizers, witnesses, activists participated in numerous international conferences where they spoke about the experiences of WoC of which we highlight:

May 11 and 12, Gjakova / Djakovica, Kosovo - International Conference "Empower Women Now! - Creating a culture of recognition and reconciliation in Kosovo organized by the women's organizations Medica Gjakova and Medica Mondiale. Marijana Senjak, feminist therapist of WoC S talked about the Women's Court and experiences in the implementation of the Law on the Rights of Victims of Sexual Violence in the War in the context of the reconciliation and dealing with the past from a feminist perspectives.

June 2nd and 3rd, Valencia/Spain - International Feminist Conference "Feminario Valencia, Feminist Approach to Facing Current Challenges" (Feminario Valencia-enfoque feminista a los desafios actuales). Within the "Women in Conflict" session, Stasa Zajovic spoke about the Women's Court - a feminist approach to justice. The conference was organized by the Equality Authority of Valencia (Diputacion de igualdad de Valencia).

June 8, Brussels/Belgium - Valentina Andrasek, a spokeswoman for the Women's Network of Croatia, spoke about the Women's Court within the Observatory for the Monitoring of Violence against Women.

June 7-9, Yerevan, Armenia - an international conference "Addressing modern challenges in an innovative way - Narratives of women peace builders", Mina Damjanovic, an activist of the WiB, spoke about the feminist approach to justice, as well as the effects of WoC. The conference in Yerevan was organized by the NGO "Democracy Today".

June 22-24, Sarajevo/BH: at the conference "Dialogues on the Legacy of the Hague Tribunal", within the framework of the "Needs of Witness After Testimony" session, Nela Pamuković, one of the WoC organizers and activists from the Center for Women War Victims from Zagreb, presented WoC.

During this period, the WoC organizers had numerous interviews about WoC (via skype) with feminist researchers from around the world.

Joint working consultative meetings - during this period, operational working meetings of organizations, experts, activists participating in the continuation of the WoC process in Zagreb and Belgrade were held.

Working Meetings of Women in Black: As holders of program activities in the continuation of the process of the WoC, they held working meetings (reporting activities, preparation of publications, documentation and archives of the WoC, preparation of regional witness meetings, preparation of publications on WoC.





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 non-violent 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")

Publishing

In this reporting period, we have produced the following publishing units:

Women's Court: about the Sarajevo event and the continuation of the process (in English - 309 pages).

The book has **280** pages and is edited by Stasa Zajovic and Milos Urosevic. The book was published by Women in Black in 500 copies. The book consists of the following units: Introduction, the texts of Latinka Perović, survivors of violence as subjects of justice: history from the bottom and 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 WoC associates, 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.

Transcripts reports:

- Regional meeting of witnesses in Vrnjacka Banja (May 19, 20 and 21 2017) **39** pages.
- Public presentations: **30** pages.

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, *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.*
- *June 19th – International Day Against Sexual Violence in War, Peace Action* at the Republic Square dedicated to women victims of sexual violence in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- *July 10 - Srebrenica 8372, marking the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide in Belgrade*
- *July 17 "No women less, no more dead" - protest against femicide in Belgrade.*



2. Visiting places of crimes:

- *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.
- *June 1st, Zvornik* - 25 years since the crimes committed in the Zvornik area - commemoration and funeral at the cemetery in Kalesija, witnesses at the W'sC: Nadežda Kostić, Krusevac, Marica Šeatović, Novska, as well as activists of WIB Belgrade attended.
- *July 11, Potocari/Srebrenica* - commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.
- *July 18, Orlovača/Belgrade* - commemoration of the 19th anniversary of the crime in Orahovac, witnesses Marija Kovačev from Novi Becej, Binasa Džigal from Prijepolje and WIB activists participated.

3. Educational programs

- **Women build peace together** - support of Women in Black, Đulici, May 26th - (Suvada Selimovic, Saha Hrustic, Rejha Avdic, Sehida Abdurahmanovic).
- **"Save Our Rights"**, educational program organized by Women of Polimlje from Prijepolje and Women in Black from Belgrade with the participation of witnesses: Binasa Džigal and Sabina Talović were held on May 13 in Sjenica and on June 16 and 17 at Zlatar near Nova Varos (Sandzak).
- **From activism to organization** - a seminar held in Belgrade on July 17 and 18 in Belgrade was attended by witnesses Binasa Džigal from Prijepolje, Sabina Talović from Pljevlja and Marija Kovačev from N. Bečej together with activists of the WIB Network.

NETWORKS, COALITIONS MUTUAL SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Women in Black are founders 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.

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

Network of Women in Black Serbia: Women's Peace Network in which activist groups and individuals act in all parts of Serbia; The network maintains working meetings where common actions are agreed and the joint activities (street, educational, etc.) are listed in this report.

During this reporting period, a number of working group meetings were held on issues related to the Women's Network (Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, feminist-antimilitaristic access to Security-Resolution 1325, video activism, artistic engagement in dealing with the past ...) , as well as educational programs, meetings of mutual support and solidarity:



Save Our Rights! - educational program implemented by the Association "Women of Polimlje" from Prijepolje, supported by 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 clerical and fundamentalist practices.

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

Sjenica, May 13th "We will not go back - defend 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.

The workshop was attended by **15** women from the following cities: Nova Varos, Prijepolje, Priboj, Sjenica, Pljevlja and Belgrade, and the workshops were coordinated by Marijana Stojčić and Binasa Džigal.

"Save Our Rights!" - Conference was held on June 16 and 17 at the Panorama Hotel in Zlatar. At this meeting, **17** women from the following cities participated: Nova Varos, Prijepolje, Priboj, Sjenica, Pljevlja and Belgrade. The meeting took place in the form of interactive lectures, workshops, screenings of documentaries.

We bring the most important segments of this meeting:

Field reports - presentations of experiences gained during the meeting of this educational program.

"Watching in the cobblestones" - screening of documentary film produced by NGO Forum 10 from Novi Pazar in duration of 45 minutes; the film testifies to the experiences and attitudes of women from Sandžak about the removal of hijab after the Second World War in the SFRY, after the screening, we talked about the film and the issues that are running.

Women's Court - feminist approach to justice - promotion of the WoC, with the participation of witnesses and organizers of WoC.

"The feminist movement in Serbia - from personal to political and back?" - moderated by Marijana Stojčić

About feminist activism before the war, during and after the war (challenging problems ...) - the conversation moderated by Staša Zajović

"Neda Božinović Continuity of the Fight for Peace and Women's Rights" (17.15 min.) - a documentary about Neda Božinović (1917-2001), one of the founders of Women in Black. At the end of the meeting, activities were undertaken within the continuation of this educational program.

Women's Peace Activism, Đulici May 26 - the fifth cycle of the education program "Women and Power" was organized by the Women's Association "Anima" from Đulici and WiB; 28 women from the villages in the area of Zvornik (Đulici, Klisa, Šetići, Tojšići, Potočare, Bajramovići near Srebrenica), Belgrade, Split took part. Within this meeting, workshops, debates, projections of documentary films were held:

My name - that's me ... a workshop moderated by Ljiljana Radovanovic

Part I: Women and Power - a workshop on the concept of power, types of power, the participation of women in the construction of a different / alternative power moderated by Staša Zajovic.

Part II - The power of women to trigger changes ... projections of documentaries



Greenham Common (6.43 min.) - The Green Peacekeepers Camp was created in September 1981 next to the military base of the same name, in which the United States installed the first cruise missiles in history. Thanks to a permanent ten-year protest, in 1991, a military base was disbanded. Greenman activists continued to work as a group of Women in Black. Women's actions from Greenwich are among the most creative in the women's peace movement.

Creative actions of women for the preservation of the environment (13.35 minutes) Production: Mill Valley Film Group, California, USA

Short documentaries aim to preserve the environment - natural resources from exploitation and pollution; it is the struggle of women for justice in their communities:

- *Argentina: Fighting women against pesticides* - on crops of genetically modified soybeans
- *Bangladesh* - anti-pollution actions caused by the dismantling of old ships
- *Kenya* - action against the construction of a dam that destroys Lake Turkana

Always disobedient - 25 years of Women in Black (17 minutes) and plans for joint activities in the coming period.

From activism to organization, on July 17 and 18 in Belgrade - two-day workshop in WiB premises where the following issues were discussed: violence in society (the principles of effective self-organization in the fight against all forms of violence in society: from war to working places, from local community to state); organization (the principles of building a long-term organization (actions, research work, media strategy, etc.) and organizational practice (plan, responsibility, campaigns ...)

The workshop was coordinated by Marina Antić from Sarajevo, currently lives and works in the US; long-time activist of social movements in the United States: the workers trade union, anti-war, Occupy movement in Pittsburgh, co-operates with social movements in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Marina Antic teaches South Slavic literature and culture at Indiana University, Bloomington.

The workshop was attended by **20** activists of WiB Network from the following cities: Belgrade, Novi Sad, Novi Bečej, Kraljevo, Leskovac, Vlasotince, Zrenjanin, as well as from Pljevlja (Montenegro).

In this reporting period, the activities of mutual support within the Network were also held:

June 17 and 18, Pljevlja - solidarity visit of activist of WiB from Belgrade to "Bonafide" organization from Pljevlja, Montenegro; During the visit, experiences were exchanged, and joint activities were discussed.

July 29 – August 12, House Seka, Brac (Croatia) - Active women's holiday, eleven women (witnesses at the Women's Court from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as two activists from the WiB Network from Serbia.

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, and there is extensive documentation on the WiB website. Independent monitoring of R1325 application continued in 2017. The WiB working group consists of activists of the WiB Network, in cooperation with women's groups: Autonomous Women's Center and Astra, as well as with the Humanitarian Law Center, the following indicators are followed:

- 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, the contribution of CSOs 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, trafficking of women - 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 War Victims ...), etc.
- 3. Militarization at the state and society level** (production and sale of weapons, impact of domestic violence on women's safety, cultural patterns of fear production, authoritarianism, xenophobia, racism, uniformity, homophobia, especially in the media, militarism in school institutions and militarization of refugee tragedy, etc.).
- 4. The position of 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, joint working meetings were held on May 25 and July 23, with 13 members of all working groups taking part, while the consultative meetings of each of the working groups were maintained depending on the needs and arrangements.

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 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 ...

In 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. At the beginning of May (2017), the Serbian authorities forcibly evicted refugees from the barracks / hangars at the Bus Station in Belgrade. Although with minimal living conditions, these barracks were a temporary home for more than a thousand refugees. Under the influence of force and excavators, this place which was the embodiment of the solidarity efforts of refugees, activists and citizens, disappeared overnight. After the demolition of the barracks, activists of WiB provided solidarity assistance several times a week in the park at the Faculty of Economics. Women activists from all over Serbia and the region also took part in the collection of assistance.

- *Peace actions of humanitarian character* - provision of 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. These actions are organized during visits to the places where refugees are, all refugees are involved. During this period, at the premises of WiB, refugee Asif Bahar from Afghanistan held a language course for activists of WiB.
- *Artistic activist actions of solidarity with refugees* - street peace actions - protests over abuses and militarization of refugee tragedy, fostering solidarity of citizens with war refugees. This segment of activities 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 May 9th (International Day of Victory over Fascism), June 27th ("Hate Free Zone" - International Day of LGBT People).
- *Documentary films about actions of solidarity*: WiB video activist group recorded shorter films about street actions, artistic-activist programs, which has already been mentioned in this report 'Video Activist Group'). We also have a rich photo documentation on solidarity actions.

In addition to this, solidarity with war refugees is expressed also by other activities:

Writing and sending reports - in Serbian and English, for domestic and international networks and institutions we cooperate with to familiarize them with the problems of refugees, their position, their human rights, abuse, discrimination, both at the level of institutions and society. During this reporting period, activists of Women in Black produced 21 reports, in Serbian and English.

Reporting of 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 the obligations assumed 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's "Cleaning" of Belgrade from Refugees, May 2017; English can be found on WiB website).

Repression of 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. Requests were rejected and because of that we organized the distribution of humanitarian aid to refugees in front of the camps. (A comprehensive report on discrimination can be found on the WiB website: Attacks on Women in Black, February-July 2017, Dossier No. 9).

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, 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 in the WiB"

The practice of regular discussions, lectures and joint reflections on important social and political issues in the country and in the world continued in this reporting period, which included nine (9) lectures, debates, book presentations, screenings of films in which about 200 person participated:

May 5 - "The story of a refugee from Afghanistan" Asif Bahar's testimony on the escape of war, fundamentalist violence in Afghanistan, about the experience of crossing the border, about arriving in Belgrade at the end of 2016, about staying in hangars in Belgrade. Asif Bahar collaborated with the WiB in the campaigns of solidarity with refugees, and during the spring of 2017, he gave language lessons to the group of WiB activists until his departure from Serbia in late May 2017. Asifs lecture was attended by 17 people.

May 9th - "Lazar Stojanovic - He left a mark on us", a homage to Lazar Stojanovic (1944-2017), an artist, a fighter for democracy, an anti-fascist, anti-nationalist activist, associate of the WiB, attended by about 40 people.

May 17 - "Anatomy of goods - a review from the critique of political economy" promotion of the book by author Alpar Lošonc, philosopher, economics professor at the Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad and Vladimir Gvozden, professor at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad, moderator Lino Veljak, University in Zagreb; the book was published in the end of 2016 in the issue of "Address" from Novi Sad., 19 people participated in the conversation.

May 24 - "Good Woman", film (2016) directed by actress Mirjana Karanovic who talks about a woman who finds her husband a war criminal, 12 people attended the show and conversation.

June 14 - "Student rebellions, similarities and differences - 1968, 1992, 1996/7, 2017": on the occasion of the 49th anniversary of student demonstrations in 1968, one of the most important events of the





twentieth century, which has had a huge impact not only on its epoch, echo of 68 extends to date, a debate on significant student rebellions in Serbia that followed after 68 was organized. On their experiences (socio-political context, collective effects, similarities and differences ...) in the mentioned events spoke:

- Djordje Uskokovic, sociologist, participant 68, Belgrade
- Dragomir Olujić, political scientist, participant 68
- Goran Babić, poet, journalist, participant 68, Zagreb / Belgrade
- Snezana Tabacki, participant 68, Belgrade
- Miodrag Kapetanović, participant 68, Belgrade
- Mihajlo Popovic, doctor, participant 68, Belgrade
- Vlatko Sekulovic, lawyer, one of the organizers of Student Protest 1992
- Isidora Petrovic, journalist, activist of the "7 Requests" movement, 2017.

The interview was moderated by Lino Veljak, philosopher, Zagreb; activists of WiB were also involved in the debate; at this event **24** people participated.

(An Integrated Debate Report can be found on the WiB website)

June 21 - Talk about the current political situation, with the participation of 15 activists.

June 26 - "Lesbian Activism Policies" - as part of this conversation it was about the beginning of lesbian feminism, the context in which it emerges, and the possible strategies of resistance to patriarchy through organized policies of lesbian separatism. The conversation moderated: Mina Damjanović and Jody Roy, 10 activists participated.

July 5 - Srebrenica 8372 - in the discussion on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica, there were words about obstacles and blockages of dealing with the past in Serbia, both at the state and society level (denial, relativization of genocide, etc.) logistical preparations for the street action "Srebrenica 8372" were made. The event was attended by 25 people.

July 26th - "Tanja Tagirov - She left a mark on us": Tanja Tagirov's homage (1961-2017), journalists of the weekly "Vreme", an anti-fascist, anti-nationalist activist, associate of the WiB. The event was attended by over 30 people.

Publishing

In addition to the already mentioned publications (About the Women's Court), in this period we also published:

"Zumra Šehomerović – She left a mark on us" - dedicated to Zumra Šehomerović (1951-2017), one of the founders of the Mothers of the Srebrenica and Žepa enclaves organization, an activist of the WiB Network, a witness at the Women's Court. The publication contains Zumra's testimony on WoC, Zumra's presentation at events organized by WiB, as well as memories of Zumra by ŽWiB activists. The publication was edited by Stasa Zajovic and Milos Urosevic, done by Marija Vidic, the publication has 32 pages

Two sisters in war Sarajevo - Ljiljana Dobrosavljevic Grujic ,32 pages (sending packages and letters between Belgrade and Sarajevo, actions of solidarity 1994-1995.) WiB issue, May 2017 Associate: Staša Zajović, Design and editing: Marija Vidić



“Lazar Stojanovic - He left a mark on us” - memory of Lazar Stojanovic (1944-2017), artist, fighter for democracy, antifascist, antinationalist activist, associate of WiB. The publication contains the memory of Lazar’s friends organized at the WiB on May 9, 2017. This edition was edited by Staša Zajović and Miloš Urošević, design by Marija Vidić.

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 attended and / or had active participation (lecturers, panelists ...):

Belgrade, May 10th “Human Rights in Crimea and in Eastern Ukraine in reports of Ukrainian and Russian civil society organizations”; the event was organized by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia, on behalf of WiB was Miloš Urošević.

June 19th “Doubts of an Angel” - memory of Dejan Nebrigic (1970-1999), first gay activist in Serbia, activist of WiB, writer and theater critic. Following the screening of a documentary on Dejan’s anti-war / anti-militarist / LGBT activism, spoke: Stasa Zajovic, Violeta Djikanovic, Gordana Radosavljevic (WiB), Milan Djuric (Gayten LGBT), Branislav Princip, film author and others. The event was held at the Center for Cultural Decontamination.



Belgrade, June 14th “Media Freedom and Security of Journalists in Serbia - what is the next step?” The Conference on Media Non-Freedoms, the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation and Measures for Raising the Security of Journalists, signed by representatives of the Republic Public Prosecutor’s Office, the Ministry of the Interior and journalists and media associations, on the activities of civil society organizations in the field of media freedom and security. Staša Zajović and Stefan Milosavljević participated on behalf of WiB.

Sarajevo, June 22-24, “About the legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia” - a conference on the work and achievements of the ICTY, as well as how its heritage can be fully utilized. The conference covered numerous aspects of the heritage of the Hague Tribunal (normative, historical, media, educational, gender aspect of justice ...). On behalf of WiB, Mirko Medenica and Stefan Milosavljević participated.

Belgrade, July 25 “Impunity: Role of Prosecutors and Judges in Mounted Proceedings Against Kosovo Albanians 1998-2000” - Report of the Humanitarian Law Center / HLC on indictments raised during 1996 and 1997 against Kosovo Albanians for crimes of “terrorism” and association for enemy activity. After the withdrawal of Serb forces from Kosovo at the beginning of June 1999, all the indictees which at that time were in prison in Kosovo were transferred to prisons in Serbia and their trial continued in Serbia. On the event spoke: Budimir Ivanisevic, HLC executive director, Mihailo Pavlovic, author of the report, Teki Bokshi, lawyer. On behalf of WiB, Miloš Urošević and Staša Zajović attended.



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.

Antifascism is our choice! - in a statement on the occasion of the Victory Day over fascism, it is warned that we are facing the growth of xenophobia and racism that is most visible against war refugees, "the borders are closed in the EU countries, their freedom of movement is limited and they do not have elemental human rights". The process of historical revisionism and the annulment of anti-fascist heritage in Serbia "extends space for right-wing, neo-Nazi and clericalist forces at the level of society and the state."

Against further clericalization of the education system - on the occasion of the "Petition for the Review of the Study of Darwin's Theory of Evolution in Schools and Faculties", signed by 166 persons (academics, scientists, professors, artists ...) in a statement dated on May 11 2017, WiB warns that this is a flagrant violation of the "Constitution by which Serbia is a secular / lay State, in which churches and religious communities are separated from the state, and education secularly, so religious ideas can not be an integral part of the educational process." Women in Black Demand to refuse placing on the agenda of the Committee on Science and Education of the Serbian Parliament Petitions for the Review of the Study of Darwin's Theory of Evolution in Schools and Faculties, and Muamer Zukorlic, a former Mufti, to be dismissed from the post of Chairman of the Committee".

"Stop cluster munitions!" - on the occasion of the May 24th - the International Day of Women's Action for Peace and Disarmament, the WiB warns that "Serbia is the only state in the region that has not signed the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Production and Storage of Cluster Munitions - the victims of bombs in Serbia are denied of the right to international assistance, as well as donations to clean the areas where the cluster munitions remain". On this occasion, we require the competent institutions to sign the Convention on the Ban on Cluster Munitions. We also demand that the state of Serbia ceases to produce cluster munitions and selling it to the warring States, to various dictatorial regimes, thereby directly contributing to the "torture and killing of the civilian population in those countries".

"Legalization of Violence in Serbia" - on the occasion of the decision of the Appellate Court (June 9, 2017) confirming the first instance decision by which Radomir Počuča was acquitted of the threat to the security of activists of WiB. To remind: Radomir Počuča, a spokesman for the Counter-Terrorism Unit of the MIA of Serbia, in March 2014, call for violence against Women in Black on the occasion of an action marking 15 years of crimes against Albanian civilians in Kosovo and the citizens of Serbia (March 26, 2014). Following the above-mentioned call for lynching, there were brutal and open violence against WiB by pro-government groups and individuals. In a statement on the decision of the Appellate Court, it is stated that "Such and similar shameful and ruthless decisions of the Serbian judiciary undermine the fragile foundations of the rule of law and encourage the atmosphere of fear in society. This confirms that Serbia - thanks to the dependence of the judiciary on the executive branch - turns into a place of impunity for violence against all who do not share the values on which the current regime is based.

"We remember the women raped in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina!" - in a statement on the occasion of the June 19 International Day Against Sexual Violence in Conflict and 25 Years of Rape of Women in the War in BH, the WiB recalled that "during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina twenty thousand women



were raped. The most numerous victims were Bosnian Muslims, while among the perpetrators most were Bosnian Serbs. One of the places of mass rape was the city of Foca, and the Hague tribunal issued the verdict in 2001 to three men (Kunarac, Kovač and Vukovic), for the first time in the history of international humanitarian law that sexual slavery is a crime against humanity." Unfortunately, In Serbia, the Law on Civilian Victims of War does not recognize the category of raped women in the war, which is why the WiB, together with related organizations, requests changes to this law.

"Stop Terror Against Refugees!" - on the occasion of June 20 - International Refugee Day, the WiB protests the extremely difficult situation and discrimination of refugees residing in Serbia. "We remind that the authorities of Serbia forcibly evicted refugees from the barracks at the bus station in Belgrade in early May. Under the influence of force and excavators, this place which was the embodiment of the solidarity and efforts of refugees, activists and citizens, disappeared overnight." On this occasion, the WiB warns of the continuation of state terror on refugees, which implies illegal deportation, as well as moving to distant camps. "

"We Remember" - on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the crime in the municipality of Zvornik (Bosnia and Herzegovina), the WiB recalls that "the most horrible crimes were committed in the territory of the Zvornik area in 1992. Members of the Serbian armed forces expelled, liquidated and robbed about 1,300 people, and on May 31 and June 1, 1992, 700 men were killed. The Special War Crimes Chamber in Belgrade prosecuted three crimes in Zvornik. However, "the level of the verdict in the indictments of Zvornik I, Zvornik II and Zvornik III is minimal and makes the victims lack confidence in the institutional legal system, which this time has shown that it does not satisfy justice. Moreover, by such a verdict, not only were the crimes not adequately punished, but the impression was that the crime was paid off. And after the verdict, we continued with the families of victims to develop friendship, cooperation and working together, building a just peace in the region," the statement said.

"Solidarity with Refugees - Hate Free Zone" - on the occasion of the June 27th - International Day of LGBTIQ Pride, Women in Black protested against repression and discrimination against refugees in Serbia, as well as to support refugees in the request for opening borders, obtaining asylum, respecting human rights, "One of the most important dates in the history of the LGBTIQ movement in the world June 27 - Pride Day, WiB and related organizations celebrate the "Hate Free Zone" campaign, which is organized in different locations and under the same slogan each year in Serbia. The goals of "Zone" are to positively point to the existing social intolerance towards the LGBTIQ community, symbolically "releasing" public spaces in Belgrade and other cities throughout Serbia and contributing to positive social changes.

SREBRENICA 8372 ... - in a announcement on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of genocide, the WiB recalls that "the genocide in Srebrenica is the largest war crime since the Second World War in Europe. The regime of S. Milosevic is an accomplice of genocide by providing huge political, military, logistical and financial assistance to the Republika Srpska Army "and that" the state of Serbia is the first and so far the only state in the world to be convicted of the violation of the Convention by the judgment of the International Court of Justice on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide". Women in black and related organizations have been demanding acknowledgment of genocide for more than a decade, proclaiming the Day of Remembrance of Genocide in Srebrenica on July 11th and denying genocide to be qualified as a criminal offense. "Ignoring our demands confirms the lack of political will and moral capacity of the present authorities, but also the link between the ideology of crimes and the current authorities of Serbia, the continuity of moral and cultural patterns with the regime under which the genocide was committed - a state organized crime," the statement said.



“We Remember Crimes in Orahovac” - on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the crimes against Serb civilians in Orahovac (Kosovo), the WiB recalls that in the armed conflict in Kosovo, between the military and police forces of Serbia, on the one hand, and the Kosovo Liberation Army / KLA , on the other hand, were also committed crimes against Serb civilians in the territory of the municipality of Orahovac. “During July 1998, more than 100 were taken to the camps from the municipality of Orahovac and the villages of Retimlje, Ofterusa, Zociste and Velika Hoca, and 47 people were killed or taken away in the village. The biggest attack took place on July 18, when five people were killed and 35 men were kidnapped and killed, while all Serbian population of villages Retimlje and Ofterusa were expelled, so this date is marked as a day of remembrance of the victims of the KLA crimes in the municipality of Orahovac.” On this occasion, Women in Black expressed compassion and solidarity with the families of victims, as well as support to their demands for establishing all the facts about this crime and bringing all perpetrators to justice.

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

21, 22 and 23 May, Belgrade - during the visit of the delegation of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament, the WiB had several meetings with the members of this delegation:

- **May 21st** - at the WiB premises, a meeting of members of Maite Pagazaurutundu Ruiz delegation with activists from the WiB network and witnesses from WoC from Croatia and Serbia (Marija Kovačev, Milica Miladinović, Marica Šetović, Jovanka Carević) was organized, as well as activists of WiB Network (Milica Lupšor, Staša Zajović, Ljilja Radovanović) and Nela Pamuković from Croatia. We discussed the current political situation in Serbia and Croatia (strengthening of nationalism, party state, ethnic problems, violation of women’s labor rights ...).
- **May 22** - in the premises of WiB, the morning conversation and meeting of Maite Pagazaurutundu Ruiz with WiB activists was organized. During this meeting, WiB activists: Miloš Urošević, Stefan Milosavljević, Ljiljana Radovanović, Snežana Tabački, Mirko Medenica, Violeta Đikanović, Staša Zajović talked about the socio-political situation in Serbia, about numerous problems (impunity in Serbia at the state level and societies, blocking the confrontation with the past, the position of young people in Serbia, with a realistic focus on the strengthening of ultranationalist tendencies among young people, clericalization and historical revisionism, repression of human rights defenders, climate of fear, strengthening of the autocratic regime, etc. In this meeting women activists from Belgrade participated: Bobana Macanović (Autonomous Women’s Center), who talked about violence against women and especially about femicide in Serbia; Dušica Popadić (Incest Trauma Center / ITC) spoke about the abolition of the proposal for sexual education programs in educational institutions by the Ministry of Justice.
- **May 22** - the EU Parliament delegation held a meeting with civil society organizations (Humanitarian Law Center, WiB, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Ne (da)vimo Beograd, KRIK portal, and on that occasion, activists presented MP of the EP with views on constitutional and the institutional aspects of the process of Serbia’s accession to the EU, the current political situation, etc. On behalf of the WiB, Mirko Medenica and Staša Zajović participated.
- **May 23** - Maite Pagazaurutundua Ruiz met with refugees from Afghanistan living in Serbia, and activists from the WiB participated in the meeting.



June 2 and 3, Valencia/Spain - International Feminist Conference "Feminario Valencia, Feminist Approach to Facing Current Challenges" (Feminario Valencia-enfoque feminista a los desafios actuales). Within the "Women in Conflict" session, Stasa Zajovic spoke about the Women's Court - a feminist approach to justice, anti-militarist-feminist engagement, and solidarity with refugees. The conference was organized by the Equality Authority of Valencia (Diputacion de igualdad de Valencia).

Madrid, June 4 and 5 - working meetings of Staša Zajović with activists of Women in Black from Madrid and Santander.

June 6, Madrid/Spain - promotion of the book "Remembering the shadow. The International Opponent of War / WRI and the Spanish Civil War (Memoria en Sombra), edited by El Viejo Topo, Barcelona, 2017. In the Rafael Alberti bookstore, the author/historian Fernanda Romeu Alfaro and Alexia Rahona Saure, a sociologist, Alicia Alted, historian, Stasa Zajovic, author of the preface "Memoria en sombra".

June 7-9, Yerevan, Armenia - International conference "Addressing modern challenges in an innovative way - Narratives of women peace builders", Mina Damjanovic, an activist of the WiB, spoke about the work of the WiB Independent Monitoring of the Application of the Resolution 1325 in Serbia, on the strengthening of the right-wing forces and the impunity of war crimes in Serbia, on feminist access to justice, and on the effects of the WoC. The conference in Yerevan was organized by the NGO "Democracy Today".

In this period, we also had international visits – of activists and researchers from around the world.

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