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## **Report January-February-March-April 2014.**

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We thank you in solidarity, in advance.

**Street actions:** In this reporting period we have organized eight (8) street actions.

-commemorations/marketing important dates when crimes were committed in our names.

-feminist, antifa, antiwar, antiracist, antimilitary,...

Commemorations/marketing important dates of the crimes committed in our name, as well as other crimes committed against civilians during the wars in the former Yugoslavia:

**27<sup>th</sup> of February, Belgrade-`We will never forget crime in Strpce`**-anniversary of crimes committed in Strpce: where on 27th of February in 1993, at 3.48PM in the train 671, Belgrade- Bar, in Strpce station, 230 km from Belgrade, members of the armed formations: `Avengers,' Army of Republic of Srpska, abducted 19 non-Serb (18 Muslims and one Croat). Approximately forty (40) activists of Women in Black, the Humanitarian Law Center and Youth Initiative for Human Rights marked the anniversary of the abduction in Strpci in front of Belgrade's main railway station on February 27th.

**26th of March, Belgrade-We remember crimes in Kosovo:** Women in Black peace action due to fifteen years of crimes over Albanian civilians in Kosovo. There was also a reconstruction of the crime scene action with the support of art collectives-Multimedia Center LED ART/Art Clinics from Novi Sad and Dah Theatre from Belgrade. In solidarity, sympathy with the families of those who were killed, but also to sensitize the public opinion in Serbia for the crimes of the Serbian armed forces. The action joined 35 people. The operation was conducted without incident, but the day after this peace action was followed by a brutal attacks, threats, calls for lynch of Women in Black.

**23d of April, Belgrade-action `Why`:** The activists of Women in Black joined on 23d of April (at 2.06AM and at 2.06PM) families, colleagues and friends of 16 employees of Serbian Radio Television, who have died on 23d of April, 1999 at 2.06AM in the attack of NATO and were killed in 1999. Near monument `Why?` in Belgrade, in Tasmajdan park, fifteen (15) activists of Women in Black have laid a wreath with the words `We remember.`

### **Feminist, antifa, antiwar, antiracist, antimilitary,...**

We present them in chronological order:

**12th of February, Belgrade-action: I decide (Yo decido), solidarity action with feminists of Spain:** Women in Black in front of the Embassy of Spain held a protest in black and silence against possible ban of abortion in Spain. More than **30** feminists, activists and international friends, have expressed support for democratic and feminist demands of women in Spain against the abortion ban.

**14th of February, Belgrade-action: street dance-`Billion against violence over women`-** group of independent activists supported Women in Black and Women's Network Against Violence, which have organized the action (held on the same day at 2PM across the globe, dancing in the streets of their cities) with a request to stop violence against women now! Our action coincided with actions in 187 countries worldwide.

**3d of March, Belgrade-`No to war in Ukraine`:** Antiwar protest against Russian invasion in Ukraine, held in front of Russian embassy in Belgrade, **30** activists participated. Among others, those placards were held during protest: *`Stop Putin's tyranny`-in Serbian, Russian and English, `Give peace a chance,` `Deserters are alternative to war,` `Deserters of all countries unite`,`Stop the Russian invasion of the Ukraine,` `No war,` in Serbian, Russian, English and Ukrainian, `Neither the army and the police can not break the will of the people who is determined to resist nonviolence` (Gandhi), `Solidarity with the peace movement in Russia and Ukraine`, and so on.*

**8ht of March, Beograd-`Women-work-hunger-get rid of giving us flowers and give us back our companies.`** The marsh was directed against endangering labor rights of women (less paid, first among expelled form their jobs, unemployed...), against neo liberal model of capitalism, as well as the devastating impact of the church and certain laws on reproductive rights of women. Street marsh to mark the International Women's Day. It took place all over city's main streets and was organized by Women in Black, supported by Reconstruction Women's Fund. The marsh ended at the Centre for Cultural Decontamination, where a group of young activists from Vlasotince carried out a performance. The marsh was attended by **200** people, mostly activists of Women in Black Network, from all over Serbia.

**21st of March, Belgrade, `Stop racism-solidarity with asylum seekers`:** Peace action on the Republic square due to International Day of fight against racism and antisemitism and it was dedicated to solidarity with asylum seekers in Serbia. The action attended **20** persons.

### **Facing the past/transitional justice-feminist approach**

This is one of the most significant activities of Women in Black. It is consisted of: street actions, workshops, lecturings, creating different models of transitional justice from the

feminist point of view, cooperations with similar organizations with joint aim (campaign, consultative meeting).

**Women solidarity against the impunity of war crimes:** actions of women solidarity-feminist ethics of care and responsibility, acts of mutual support, exchanges and cooperation in the region, with the purpose of building the just peace. In this period, we have organized exchanges and visits:

**6th to 10th of February, visit to Belgrade of Srebrenica's women association activists:** meeting with Women in Black activists, participating the Network meeting of Women in Black, agreement upon our next, joint actions ect.

**15th of January and 10th of March, Bela Reka, near Sabac, Serbia:** meeting of six Women in Black activists with Jakovljevic family, whose son Dragan Jakovljevic was murdered during military service on 5th of October in 2004, in front of military facility Karas, the caserne of Yugoslav military in Topcider. The meetings were organized with the aim of creating an archive of newspaper articles-documentation and legacies related to the murder of guards. Agreements on marking the tenth anniversary of their murder.

**5th and 6th of April, Zivinice, Bosna i Hercegovina:** peace meeting with relatives of the executed during war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, from the territory of Djulici, Zvornik, Srebrenica/Tuzla and activists of Serbian Women in Black Network from Belgrade, Krusevac, Dimitrovgrad. During this meeting dedicated to joint initiatives for building the peace, strengthening women solidarity, cooperation and mutual support, exchange and fellowship. The meeting attended **32** women.

**Punishment of crimes-a way to a just peace: monitoring trials in the Special court in fornt of the War Crimes Chamber in Belgrade.** In this reporting period, we have followed certain proceedings:

**The trial for crime in Cuska/Kosovo:** On 14th of May, 1999, during armed conflict in Kosovo between deliberation forces of Kosovo and military and police forces of Serbia, nine members of `Jackals` unit have executed at least (43) Albanian civilians in Cuske village, Pec municipality. Since the very beginning of the trial-20th of December, 2010, Women in Black have attended several hearings during January and February, 2014.

After completion of the evidentiary proceedings for war crimes in villages in which were murdered perons of Albanian nationality:

- Ljubenic (1st of April 1999), executed **54** persons of Albanian nationality
- Cuska (14th of May 1999), executed **37** persons of Albanian nationality
- Pavlan (14th of May 1999), executed **8** persons of Albanian nationality
- Zahac (14th of May 1999), executed **22** persons of Albanian nationality

On 11th of February, the Court Chamber reached a verdict, by which nine of the accused were declared guilty and sentenced to prison sentences. The names are following:

- Toplica Miladinovic, Milojko Nikolic i Dejan Bulatovic (twenty years),
- Momic Ranko (fifteen years),
- Abdulah Sokic (twenty years),
- Srecko Popovic (ten years), Sinisa Mistic (five years),
- Boban Bogicevic (two years) and

- Slavisa Kastratovic (two years),
- Two of the defendants were acquitted for lack of evidence (Veljko Koricanin i Radosav Brnovic).

The defendants were found guilty because as one of the sides of the non international, and then an international armed conflict committed war crimes against civilians and they carry out attacks against the civilian population, individual and mass killings of civilians, the displacement of civilians, burning of houses, confiscation and the destruction of personal documents, burning the remains of the victims, many of whom were found in mass graves in Batajnica, near Belgrade. The Trial Chamber found that the attacks on these villages were not justified, all the victims were civilians-Albanians from Kosovo accused because they did not act as a paramilitary unit, but as a regular army.

The above mentioned hearings monitored Milos Urosevic and reported to organizations within Women in Black Network as well as the international networks with whom we cooperate with.

### **Artistic engagement in confronting the past/transitional justice**

In this period the practice of joint activities and cooperation of artists associations, professional theaters and artists engaged on the artistic expression of resistance to war, war crimes, repression and violation of human rights. Beside already mentioned art-activist initiatives, first of all in section `street actions`, in this period were organized numerous meetings regarding the design and implementation of activist`s art shared with artist collectives: with Multimedial Centre Led art/Art Clinics, Skart and Dah Theater, with whom we had working meetings in this reporting period in Belgrade and Novi Sad. Beside those we have organized numerous art-activist events:

**-22nd of March, Andrevlje-`Presence in public space`:** the workshop held in Andrevlje, Novi Sad, it was about public speaking and coordinated by Diana Milosevic, theater director of Dah Theater from Belgrade. The workshop was held within Third meeting program of potential witnesses for Women`s Court-feminist approach to justice and **38** women participated from various cities of Serbia.

**-12th of April, Presevo, `The presence of absence`-Dah Theater:** Theater piece which deals with crimes and missing people on the territory of ex Yugoslavia and the whole world. The authentic testimonies of their relatives (missing people) were used, first of all of their women/relatives. The theatrical performance was shown within `Regional women`s peace meeting` organized by Dah Theater and Women in Black of Belgrade, and **25** activists attended from Presevo, Leskovac, Vlasotince and Belgrade.

### **Video activism: transitional justice/feminist approach**

With the aim of greater visibility of various transitional justice models, especially the one from feminist approach, promoted by Women in Black, during 2010, a group of video activists was organized trained for recording, montage, digitalization, posting of audio and video materials on internet, which were gathered during regular activities of Women in Black, so they would be available as short movies for wider audience. Maria Vidic and Goran Lazin are the coordinators of this group, in cooperation with Maria Arandjelovic, Zinaida Marjanovic, and other Women in Black activists. In this reporting period the group have finalized certian materials:

-nine video materials (9) lasting 48 minutes:

-*We will never forget crimes in Vukovar (3:35min)*: a peace action of Women in Black held on 18th of November in Belgrade, and due to 22nd anniversary of the fall of Vukovar

-*Solidarity of feminists of Spain (2:10min)*: the movie is about street action due to 10th of December-International Day of human rights, organized by Network of Roma women from Banat, Reconstruction Women's Fund and Women in Black, on the Republic square in Belgrade, as a sign of support for the asylum seekers. Also it shows the visit to Bogovadja Centre for asylum seekers (26th of December, 2013).

-*Stop femicide (3:34min)*: film shows Women in Black performance on 6th of December, 2013, on Republic square in Belgrade, due to Day of fight against femicide.

-*No to war in Ukraina (2:40min)*: the film shows antiwar and street protest Women in Black have organized in front of Russian Federation embassy on March the 3d, 2013.

*She left a trace inside of us-Dragica (5:20)*: the movie is dedicated to feminist, antifa and peace activist our friend Dragica Pavlov Krstic from Pirot.

*She left a trace inside of us-Gaga (5:56)*: the movie is dedicated to feminist, antifa and peace activist our friend Dragica Gaga Golubovic from Zajecar.

### **Video clips for educational programs**

All for peace, health and knowledge-nothing for disarmament (12:46): it is made of photoes from street actions-Women in Black performance, first of all feminist-antimilitary educational activities. Women, peace, security (6:00): video made of Women in Black animated symbols which follow the text for the purpose of educational program `Engendering human security to feminist security.`

### **Translation and subtitles of documentaries and featuring movies**

In this period video activism group translated and prepared subtitle for certain movies:

*Shkurta (19:27min)*: authors from Kosovo-Bljerta Zeciri/Blerta Zequiri

*Return (19:36min)*: author from Kosovo Arzan Kraja

Both movies are about suffering of civilians in Kosovo during NATO bombing, 1999.

`*Shortcut to justice*` lasting 41 minute directed by Daniel Burkholz and Sybille Fezer, Germany, 2008. This documentary speaks of experience of Indian women and is a testimony of fight against the violence and creation of alternative models of justice.

### **Women`s Court a feminist approach to justice**

By the end of 2010 members of seven feminist organizations from the ex Yugoslavia initiated organizing of Women's Court on the territory of ex Yugoslavia. The Organizing Committee of Women's Court is consisted of **11** women associations and feminist groups: Foundation CURE, Sarajevo, Women's Forum from Bratunac, Movement of mothers from Zepa and Srebrenica, Sarajevo, (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Anima, Kotor, (Montenegro), Centre for Women's Studies and Centre for women war victims, from Zagreb, (Croatia), Kosovo Women's Network, Council for Gender Equality, Skopje, (Makedonia), Women's lobby, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Women in Black and Women Studies, Belgrade, (Serbia).

Women in Black are carriers of the program activities for organizing Women's Court, so they arrange, coordinate all the activities and organizations of which Organising Committee is consisted of. This report is mostly related to the activities in Serbia, but also the joint activities of partner organizations. Activities carried out in other countries of the former Yugoslavia represent the extent to which Women in Black as carriers of program activities, were receiving information from other members of the Organizing Committee of the Women's Court.

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In this reporting period certain activities were conducted:

### **I Educational activities-seminars, debates, public presentations within the process of organizing of Women's Court: feminist approach to justice**

**1. Public presentations**-Public presentations-initiative in organizing the Women's Court, which are an integral part of the research and activist process to gather information, proposals, suggestions regarding the concept and vision of justice and the choice of their issues for the Women's Court.

#### **In this reporting period two public presentations were held:**

Belgrade-15th of January: in the premises of Women in Black we held Public presentation led by Ivana Vitas and Marija Perkovic, attended by 9 activists.

26th of March-Bijeljina: in the premises of Lara foundations was held a promotion of Women's Court initiative, Women's Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina-pleading for rights of women who have survived war rape. Initiative to prepare the participation of the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the work of the Women's Court for the former Yugoslavia led by four women's organizations: 'Women's Forum'- Bratunac, Foundation 'Cure'-Sarajevo, Association of citizens 'Future' from Modrica and 'Horizons' from Tuzla.'

The overall activity includes the Center for Legal Assistance for Women from Zenica, Women's Association 'Most'-Visegrad and 'Lara'-Bijeljina. These seven organizations are signatories of the initiative for the Women's Court as part of a regional initiative of the Women's Court for the former Yugoslavia. The presentation was attended by **20** activists, politicians and journalists.

### **2. Seminars, women's peace encounters**

**-25th of January-Priboj:** Seminar was attended by 15 activists from Priboj, a seminar was organized by Women`s voice, Priboj. The seminar was led by Marija Perkovic, Ivana Vitas and Marijana Stojcic.

**24th-27th of April, Porec, Croatia:** A feminist ethics of responsibility in various contexts: Serbia and Croatia-the meeting of peace and feminist activists from Croatia and Serbia.

The meeting was organized by the Centre for Civic Initiatives of Porec and Women in Black from Belgrade for joint reflection regarding important political events in Croatia and Serbia which are relevant for the process of organizing the Women's Court-a feminist approach to justice.

The meeting attended 23 activists from Croatia (Porec, Split and Zagreb) and Serbia (Belgrade, Kraljevo, Krusevac, Leskovac, Priboj, Vlasotince).

At this meeting we discussed the following issues:

-Controversy of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (Tribunal of Hague) in light of recent judgments-since November 2012 until May 2013: public reactions, impact on judgment of international criminal law, the responsibility of states-command responsibility, process of dealing with the past and reconciliation in the region, civil society...

Panelists: Vesna Terselic, Documenta, Zagreb, Stasa Zajovic, Zene u crnom, Belgrade, and a moderator was Biba Momcinovic, Civic Action, Porec.

-Artistic engagement in confronting the past: video-activism group of Women in Black and its documentaries, 2010, Belgrade

-`Is there any nation on the planet Reebok`-essays on identity politics, author Miroslava Malesevic, ethnologist, associate of Belgrade Ethnographic Institute, moderator Stasa Zajovic.

-`Language and nationalism`-Snezana Kordic, author, linguist (2010), moderator Rada Boric, Women Studies, Zagreb

-The common thinking of European Union-panel discussion. Panelists: Mirjana Kucera, Split, Nela Pamukovic, Jagoda Milidrag-Smid, Rada Boric from Zagreb and other participants of the encounter. Moderator: Zorica Trifunovic, Belgrade.

-*Women`s Court-feminist approach to justice:* Regarding the process of organizing in the region, What does it mean for the feminist movement in the region? Problems, challenges and difficulties...

Panelists: Nela Pamukovic, Marja Perkovic, Rada Boric, Stasa Zajovic, and other participants of the meeting.

### **Feminist discussion circles:**

Joint consideration of important issues to deal with, foster critical reflection, review, in order to strengthen the autonomy of women, increasing the collective power and political power of the feminist movement. Feminist discussion circles are a combination of workshops, debates-interactive lectures, movie screenings, etc.

In this period we have realized following feminist discussion circles:

Feminist ethics of responsibility, 21st, 22nd, 23d of February: it was held in Sremski Karlovci and attended by 32 activists from all over Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad, Sombor, Kraljevo, Pirot, Nis, Krusevac, Vlasotince, Dimitrovgrad, Leskovac) and out of Croatia (Knin, Zagreb).

The program consisted of the following interactive lectures, workshops and screenings:

History of the concept of accountability-the question of guilt and responsibility for the philosopher Hannah Arendt and the philosopher Karl Jaspers-the question of responsibility in Serbia, lecturer: Dasa Duhacek, philosopher, Belgrade

-`Hannah Arendt` (113 min): Feature film directed by Margareta von Trotta, actress Barbara Sukova, production of 2012 (Germany, Luxembourg, France)

-The common thinking in feminist ethics of responsibility-in theory and in action in essays of reader-`Feminist ethics of responsibility`-(Adriana Zaharijevic, Adrienne Rich, Athena Athanasiou, Dasha Duhacek, Yvonne Deutsch, Stasa Zajovic, Zarana Papic...), moderator Stasa Zajovic

-`The design and construction of collective crime and collective moral responsibility`-the article of Nenad Dimitrijevic, commentator: Jasna Sakota, philosopher, Novi Sad

-Ivan Milenkovic: Giorgio Agamben-biopolitics and paradox-the author of essays and Biljana Stojkovic, biologist, Belgrade.

-Primo Levi: `Is this a man` and `The Sank and the saved`-commentators: Milos Urosevic, Women in Black activists and Lino Veljak, philosopher, Zagreb

-Jean- Ameri, `Beyond guilt and reparation`-commentator essays of Lino Veljak

-Feminist Solidarity-the essays of Igballe Rogova-`Love beyond borders`: `Letter to Lepa, my feminist mentor` and Lepa Mladjenovc: `Letter to Igballe Rogova-our lesbian bodies in our heteronormative states`: Lepa Mladjenovic, Tanja Markovic and other activists.

For this occasion we prepared corresponding reader (195 pages). Reader has three chapters: `Not in our name` , `Rebellious I am, therefore I am responsible`.

**4. Documentary films:** This educational program is consisted of numerous segments-documentaries regarding experiences of Women`s Court and Tribunals on international level, documentaries and featuring movies on experience of women, women`s groups and networks connected to violence over women, fight of women for peace and justice, feminist approach to justice, documentaries produced by Women in Black-group for video activism for the feminist approach to justice, peace and security. After all screenings we organize discussion, both about the films as well as regarding the initiative for organizing Women's Court-a feminist approach to justice.



Since February to June 2014, Women in Black have arranged the following program of screenings documentaries:

### **I Cycle-International experiences of women's groups for peace and justice:**

`Joint dreams,` Argentina (25min), produced by Mothers from May square/Madres de plaza de mayo, translation and subtitle of Women in Black, 2013. This documentary was made due to thirty years of work of famous women`s organization for peace and justice in Argentina-Mothers from May square. The movie explains the reasons for the establishment of this organization: searching for missing sons and daughters during military dictatorship in Argentina (1976-1983), fight for the punishment of the crimes, but as well huge efforts Mothers from May square have invest in education, social justice and human rights.

In this period were held projections of above mentioned movie:

February 19th-Women in Black premises, Belgrade, attended by **15** activists of Women in Black.

### **II Feminist ethics of care-support for potential witnesses:**

System of support for potential witnesses is comprised of various segments:

**1. Individual meetings and conversations:** to maintain communication with the women who testified on feminist discussion circles and participated in other activities organized for Women`s Court during this reporting period, meetings were held.

In this reporting period the encounters we organized were:

15th of January and 10th of March, Bela Reka: meeting with Jakovljevic family, the father and mother of the murdered guards Dragan Jakovljevic and **6** activist of Women in Black. The meeting was organized with the aim of making the archive of articles and all documents related to the murder of guards on 5th of October 2004 in a military facility Karas, the Yugoslav Army barracks in Topcider. They have also arranged joint activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the murder of the guards.

**2. Working meetings with organizers and potential witnesses in certain cities:** maintaining and strenghtening communication with Women`s Court organizers out of Women in Black Network, with women who have witnessed, joint reflection of challenges and problems out of the meetings of potential witnesses. Exchange on current political and social issues. In this period we held two working meetings:

**1st of April, Kraljevo:** The meeting was held at the Center for persons with disabilities, the meeting was attended by eight activists from the following cities: Kraljevo, Krusevac and Belgrade.

**11th of April, Leskovac:** The meeting was held in the Women for Peace premises, the meeting was attended by eight activists from Leskovac, Vlasotince and Belgrade.

**3. Individual interviews with potential witnesses:** During the process of organizing of Women's Court, we found out that many women are not ready yet to testify within educational activities (public presentations, movie projections ect). In order to overcome trauma caused by numerous injustices which women have suffered, and due to their inability to talk about it publicly, it was concluded that in the next period it is necessary to encourage personal contacts with potential witnesses. During 2013 we have prepared 'Guide to interview potential witnesses in Women's Court.' In order to prepare this guide, we have used our experience in the field, as well as experience of the Women's Commission for Truth launched by the organization Ruta Pacifica/Peace path, from Colombia. During this period, we have organized:

-18th of April, Nis: individual interviews with potential witness-Displaced person-woman from Kosovo, interview was conducted by organizers of Women's Court in Serbia: **Milka Rosic (Women's Space, Nis) and Milka Rosic, Women for Peace, Leskovac.**

#### **4. Second regional meeting of potential witnesses for Women's Court-feminist approach to justice**

In this reporting period, there were two meetings of potential witnesses for Women's Court: a regional meeting for potential witnesses in Croatia-Lipik, and a meeting of potential witnesses in Serbia-Andrevlje, near Novi Sad.

21st, 22nd, 23d of January-Lipik, Croatia: the meeting was attended by **33** women, of which 19 potential witnesses, 10 representatives of Women's Court, participants were from the following cities:

*Bosnia i Hercegovina: 8 žena (Sarajevo, Tuzla, Srebrenica and Bratunac)*

*Montenegro: 3 women (Bijelo Polje, Bar i Kotor)*

*Hrvatska: 11 women (Lipik, Lovas, Osijek, Pakrac, Pozega, Zagreb)*

*Makedonia: 3 women (Skopje and Veles)*

*Slovenia: 2 women (Ljubljana and Maribor)*

*Srbija: 5 women (Novi Becej, Leskovac, Zrenjanin and Beograd)*

**5. Third joint meeting with potential witnesses in Serbia 21st, 22nd, 23d of March-Andrevlje:** the meeting attended **38** women out of: Belgrade, Novi Becej, Dimitrovgrad, Novi Sad, Zagreb, Krusevac, Pirot, Leskovac, Sabac, Bela Reka, Kraljevo, Bar, Nis, Kotor, Priboj, and three of the attendants were from Montenegro (Kotor, Bar).

The program was consisted of three segments:

*-Introduction for the process of organizing of Women's Court-projection/video clip of the current process at the regional level-moderator: Ljupka Kovacevic and Stasa Zajovic*

*-Women's struggle for peace and justice-international experiences-experiences from Guatemala and India-lecturer: Rada Ivekovic, philosopher, Paris, and Goran Fejic, (Yugoslav diplomat until 1991. and retired official of the UN)*

*- 'Shortcuts to Justice' (Shortcut to Justice) lasting 41 minutes, directed by Daniel Burkholz/ Daniela Burkholca and Sibiu Fezer/Sybille Fezer, Germany, 2008. This documentary is about the experience of women in their struggle for justice in the community*

*-I testify-testimony of a woman on the militaristic, ethnic, racial violence, violations of labor rights of women, gender-sexual assault-in wartime and post-war period-coordinator Ljupka Kovacevic, Anima, Kotor*

- Screening of short movies: *Women Resistance against forced mobilization (1992: Report of the German Deutsche Welle Television/Deutsche Welle (5:30 min)-The resistance to compulsory mobilization in village Tresnjevica/Vojvodina, made in May in 1992. Mostly women of Tresnjevica are speaking-DW report on Women in Black (5:12 min)*
- Reportage of German television Deutsche Welle on *Women in Black*, made in May, 1992. *'Stolen Freedom'(5 minutes): documentary about the forced mobilization of refugees in Serbia. Made by Vojvodina Civic Center in 2013. Spoke: Stanetic Zeljko and Jelena Ivanovic-activists of Civic Center Vojvodina*
- Europe: what kind of and for whom?-lecturer Goran Fejic, moderator Ivana Vitas, *Women in Black*
- Women's Court: A view from the outside and from the inside-lecturer Rada Ivekovic, debate moderated by Stasa Zajovic
- The presence in the public space-a workshop on public speaking coordinated by Diana Milosevic, theater director-Dah Theatre-Belgrade. The moderator was Marija Perkovic, *Women in Black*
- From victims to actors of peace and justice- workshop coordinated by Ljupka Kovacevic
- Agreement on future activities and evaluation

For this meeting we prepared a collection of three articles of Rada Ivekovic.

### **III Working consultative meetings**

In accordance with feminist codex in organizing Women's Court, with which we have obligated ourselves to distribution of knowledge, processes of joint reflection, those meetings are the part of democratic process. The results of the activities conducted so far are analysed here and future steps in the process of understanding and creating justice from the feminist point of view. In accordance with feminist ethics of organizing process for Women's Court, beside joint working consultative meetings, we have initiated various types of work at the level of states: regular and operational working meetings, workshops, meetings of legal team, focus discussion groups, discussion circles, and so on. This report lists the activities mainly in Serbia, as well as those we were informed by partner organizations in each of the countries of the former Yugoslavia:

#### **1. The meeting of Organizing Committee of Women's Court**

Regional meeting of the organizing committee, held in Lipik/Croatia was attended by Stanojka Cana Tesic-Women's Forum from Bratunac, Kada Hotic-Mothers of Srebrenica and Zepa from Sarajevo, Jadranka Milicevic-Cure Foundation from Sarajevo, Ljupka Kovacevic-Anima from Kotor, Rada Boric-Women's Studies from Zagreb, Nela Pamukovic-Center for Women War Victims from Zagreb, Metka Rosandic-Women's Lobby from Ljubljana and Stasa Zajovic-Women in Black from Belgrade.

**2. Joint working consultative meetings**-between partner organizations, as well as other civil society organizations which participate in a process of organizing Women's Court: Joint consideration of feminist approaches to justice in the process of organizing Women's Court-meeting of coordinators of the Women's Court educational activities-a feminist approach to justice in Croatia. The working meeting was attended by 12 activists from Zagreb, Knin, Split, Korenica. Stasa Zajovic and Nela Pamukovic led the meeting.

**8th of March, Belgrade:** meeting which was attended by 10 activists/organizers of Women's Court in Serbia: Leskovac, Krusevac, Dimitrovgrad, Novi Becej, Vlasotince, Pirot, Nis, Kraljevo. During the meeting we also discussed the educational activities in the future (

especially movie screenings in the period March-June 2014 and on this occasion we distributed documentary films within the following program):

I Cycle-International experiences of women's groups for peace and justice: March-June

-Joint Dreams-Mothers from May square/Madres de plaza de mayo, Argentina

-Garden filled with women`s hope-Women's Commission for Truth, Colombia, file: Garden filled with hope, Colombia

-Short Documentary movies of Women in Black-Video Activism Women in Black: (Srebrenica-They left a trace inside of us, crimes against women during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina-We Remember, We will never forget the crimes committed in Vukovar, Stop Femicide, etc.) The workshop was coordinated by Stasa Zajovic.

**3. Regular working meetings:** In the premises of Women in Black, Belgrade, in this reporting period, several meetings were held every Thursday. The meetings attended members of Women in Black coordinating team, and sometimes it involves members of Women Studies in Belgrade. During those meetings: we are sharing information, thoughts, dilemmas, analyze the results of the performed activities, define and agree on future actions, and so on. These meetings are attended by five to 10 members of the coordinating team.

#### **VI Video activism:**

Video activism involves creation of video material related to feminist approach to justice, includes translation and subtitling of documentaries about the experiences of non-violent movement against impunity, regarding crimes of neo-liberal economic globalization, and so on.

In addition to these documentary movies in this reporting period we made a video material: Women's Court-a feminist approach to justice (8.33 min)-Video of the current process of organizing the Women's Court.

#### **V Publishing activities:**

The aim is to deepen the knowledge needed for the process of organizing Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, healing, readers, etc.

In this reporting period the publishing unit, the press came out the following things: Reader-feminist ethics of responsibility: it is consisted of 195 pages and three chapters: *Not in our name, Do not let them fool us, I am disobedient therefore I am responsible.*

The Reader contains the following articles: Stasa Zajovic-always disobedient: Feminist Ethics -resistance of Women in Black, Adrienne Rich-Notes regarding politics of location, Yvonne Deutch-Can we in the midst of conflict overcome the relationship occupied-occupiers? Reflections of the occupier who resists, Zarana Papić-The war in Kosovo-feminist politics and fascism in Serbia, Athena Athanasiou-Poetics of Resistance and the political courage of Women in Black, Adriana Zaharijevic-Feminism and pacifism in Serbia/the question of responsibility, Nenad Dimitrijevic-The construction of collective crime and moral responsibility, Dasha Duhacek-Responsibility:Hana Arendt and Karl Jaspers, Lepa Mladjenovic-A letter to Igballe Rogova:Notes on our lesbian bodies within our

heteronormative states, Igballe Rogova: A letter to Lepa, my feminist mentor, Primo Levi- 'The sank and the saved' and 'Is this a man?'. Jean Ameri - 'Beyond guilt and reparation.', Ivan Milenkovic- 'Giorgio Agamben-Biopolitics and the paradox,' Roberto Espozito- 'We and nazism.' The reader edited: Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajovic.

Collected articles of Rada Ivekovic, contents 42 pages. Some of them are: Before and after, Feminism, nation and state in production of knowledge 1989, How to think of violence and how to decipher the knowledge of it: in support of Women's Court, and were prepared for the meeting of potential witnesses for Women's Court in Andrevlje.

- Fascicule Women's Court: a feminist approach to justice
- Fascicule for feminist discussion circle
- Transcript of meeting for potential witnesses for the Women's Court: a feminist approach to justice-Lipik-since January 24th to 26th, contains 16 pages
- Transcript of meeting for potential witnesses for the Women's Court: a feminist approach to justice-Andrevlje-March 21st to 23d, consists of 32 pages
- Report on feminist discussion circle and feminist ethics of responsibility, hosted by Maria Perkovic, in cooperation with the Stasa Zajovi and Milos Urosevic.

### **VIII Artistic and activist engagement-street actions**

Development and strengthening of the feminist ethics of responsibility, as well as non-violent resistance to all forms of discrimination and exploitation-already listed in the category 'street actions'.

### **Women, peace, security-feminist and antimilitary approach**

As part of our ongoing work on feminist anti-militarist approach to security and UN Security Council 1325 Resolution ('Women, Peace and Security'), we have launched numerous and different programs.

***I Educational activities:*** 'Engendering human security-to feminist security'-Autonomous Women's Center, ASTRA/Anti-Trafficking Center and Women in Black of Belgrade jointly implemented the project 'Gender perspectives of human security.' The overall goal of the project is to contribute to promotion of peace, human security, women's human rights, protection from gender-based violence through empowering women to cooperate, build solidarity coalitions and greater participation of women in peace processes and decision-making in accordance with 1325 Resolutionon-'Women, Peace and Security'. This educational program is consisted of the following segments:

1. 'Women build peace together'-regional meeting directed toward joint reflection regarding the role of women in peacebuilding, further strengthening of women's solidarity, cooperation and mutual support, sharing and friendship in order to build a just peace and human security in the region. Four regional peace meetings have been envisaged and in this reporting period we had meetings:

#### **5th and 6th of April, Zivinice, Bosnia and Herzegovina:**

The meeting was organized by Women in Black from Belgrade and 'Anima' Association of Citizens from Djulici, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The meeting attended **32** women from: Djulici (17), Zvornik (4), Srebrenica-Tuzla (2), Women in Black Belgrade/Serbia, Krusevac, Dimitrovgrad (8). During this meeting we held following workshops, lectures, screenings of documentaries:

- Co-existence in diversity-a dynamic exercise, workshops, lectures on coexistence, diversity, tolerance,
- A civil action in Bosnia and Herzegovina: thoughts, attitudes, involvement of participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina in these actions, results, expectations...
- Engaged women's art-a documentary movie about the struggle for equality, solidarity, mutual support, the gender dimension of security. Documentary about the actions of Women in Black.
- Equal and different-learning with others, with various cultural customs-dynamic exercise in order to introduce diversity as challenges, exchange and cultural wealth
- „What would happen if politicians would follow our steps, we dream of a different world“-workshop in which the participants expresses their vision of different world
- peace building through women`s solidarity, workshop, movie screenings, agreements.

Presenter of the program are Ljiljana Radovanovic and Stasa Zajovic, Women in Black, Belgrade, while the facilitators were: Borka Vasic, Ivana Vitas and Violeta Djikanovic (Women in Black, Belgrade), Ivana Ristic (Women for Peace, Leskovac) and Nadezda Kostic (Sandglass, Krusevac) all activists of Women in Black, Serbia.

**2. `Engednering of human security-toward feminist security`**-educational seminar to acquaint women with the concept, content and significance of human security, particularly security from a gender point of view (Resolution 1325 on `Women, Peace and Security`), research and feminist activism in creation of Women's Security Charter, strengthening intercultural values as respect for other cultures, equality in diversity and above all, strengthening women's solidarity in order to build a just peace.

This educational program consists of the following workshops, lectures, screenings of documentaries:

**-`Security observed by the eyes of women`-** the attitudes and experiences of women on the terrain-Resolution 1325 on `Women Peace and Security`-(implementation and achievements, difficulties and challenges of Resolution 1325, implementation of the National Action Plan for R1325 in Serbia, monitoring of the implementation of 1325 Resolution by Women in Black).

- Co-existence in diversity and tolerance-workshop
- Interactive lecture on racism, prejudices, tolerance, interculturalism...
- Documentaries of Women in Black video activism group about the struggle for a just peace, human security, solidarity and mutual support,
- We are learning together against sexism, racism, nationalism, homophobia...exercise of politically correct speech...

In this reporting period, we held a one-day training seminar in the following cities :

-Feminist anti-militarist concept of Woman in Black, `All for Peace, Health and Knowledge-nothing for armament-video and discussion and Women's Security Charter-together we are building a feminist concept of security.

-April the 3d, Belgrade, attended by 18 people, mostly young people (students of Women Studies and the Faculty of Philosophy and activists of civil society (peace groups, Roma associations and associations of persons with disabilities).

-April the 8th Dimitrovgrad: the seminar was attended by twenty-three (3) women in Dimitrovgrad and Pirot, very different generational, educational, ethnic structure: students, employed, unemployed, civil society activists, pensioners, members of different ethnic groups (Bulgarian minority, Roma population, Serbian nationality).

-April the 12th Presevo: attended by twenty (20) women, regarding their nationality the attendants were mostly women of Albanian nationality from Presevo, activists of women's group which was actively involved in organizing educational seminar `Mothers/Nenat` and activists of SOS telephone from Vlasotince, as well as activists from Leskovac and Belgrade.

The seminar led: Ivana Vitas, Ivana Ristic, Milka Rosic and Stasa Zajovic-activists of Women in Black Network, Serbia.

## **II Participation in seminars on human security and 1325 Resolution**

29th of March, Belgrade: lecture on `Gender and Security` in Women Studies, Belgrade by Stasa Zajovic, 15 students/activists attended.

## **III Participation in international, regional and local conferences and seminars on human security and UNSCR 1325**

**-13th of February, Belgrade:** `Join the global debate on the balance between security and privacy-a Serb version of the affair Snowden and NSA`-roundtable organized by Centre for Euro-Atlantic integration/CEAS, on behalf of Women in Black, participated-Senka Rastoder and Stasa Zajovic.

**-February 24th, Belgrade:** `What we have in common in the field of security and defense, and how to use it in the best way-continuing to advocate for reforms of the security sector through intensive use of resources within accession talks between Serbia and the EU, the international conference organized by the Centre for Euro-Atlantic integration/CEAS, on behalf of Women in Black. Participated: Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajovic.

## **IV Publishing activities**

**During this period, we published the following publications:**

`Engendering human security-to feminist security`-a manual for an educational program, is scheduled for coordinating teams of Women in Black and implementing of educational seminars which are consisted of workshops, interactive exercises, screenings of documentaries. The manual contains a detailed description of all educational activities

(lectures, workshops, interactive exercises, synopsis of all documentaries) related to the issues of the seminar.

The manual contains a glossary-basic concepts on all issues which have been raised during this educational program and beyond. The publication has 83 pages, prepared by Stasa Zajovic, while design and layout was done by Mary Vidic. In addition, as part of this educational program, we have made numerous leaflets, flyers, notebooks.

### **Networks, coalitions-mutual support and solidarity**

Women in Black are the initiators and active participants in a number of regional networks, coalitions and alliances, active participants in the activities related to other organizations in order to strengthen mutual support, solidarity, civil society and democracy in Serbia and in the whole region. During this period, we realized variety of activities among which are the following:

#### **Women in Black, Serbia:**

Women's Peace Network in which act the activist groups and individuals out of all parts of Serbia. The network maintains working meetings to agree on joint actions for the actual period, in addition to the common activities noted above, we have held working meetings too:

**7th, 8th and 9th of February, Banja Vrujci:**the meeting was attended by 65 activists from 14 cities in Serbia and 10 from the region: Zagreb (Croatia), Bar, Pljevlja, Niksic, Kotor (Montenegro), Tuzla and Bratunac (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

The program included the following activities:

-Through the image and words we have reported on activities of Women in Black between the two meetings of our Network.

-On autonomy and communion: activists spoke about the activities which they conduct in their communities, either independently or with the support of the Network of Women in Black, so we have presented the activities of groups from Kotor, Pljevlja, Nis, Dimitrovgrad, Leskovac, Vlasotince, Kraljevo and moderators were Jelena Memet and Ivana Ristic.

`The downfall of education in Serbia and the region: `Whether the purpose of the education is to gather knowledge and the acquisition of the youth or it is operational for policy and the nation`, the word was of the syllabus given in the history textbooks used in the educational system of Serbia, as well as criticism of the Bologna reforms. Speakers were Vladimr Jevtic, professor of history in Bajina Basta and Lino Veljak, profesor of Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb. The moderater was Ivana Vitas.

Feminist Reading circle: the presentation of book of anthropologist **Masha Malesevic`s-`Woman**-Ethnographic aspects of the social position of women in Serbia-***Is there any nation on the planet Reebok***-essays on identity politics and ***Didara***-a life story from Prizren.



In addition to the author: Milos Urosevic, Stasa Zajovic, Marija Pencic, Anelija Dimitrova, Olivera Babic, Snezana Jakovljevic and Ljupka Kovacevic have spoken.

-Screening of documentary movies made by Women in Black video-activism group and its coordinator Marija Vidic and her cooperator Goran Lazin.

-The consequences of neo-liberal paradigm in Serbia-the connection between poverty and egoism, a debate in which were considered some aspects of this phenomenon, as well as the relationship between altruism and solidarity. Slobodan Sadzakov, philosopher from Novi Sad, spoke on this issue and Vlada Jevtic moderated the debate.

-Neo-liberal economic globalisation and kinds of resistance: a brief overview was given by Marijana Stojcic and Ivana Vitas.

-**Solidarity economy**-experience-spoke Rada Zarkovic a founder of the cooperative and Women in Black activist, spoke about the experience of agricultural cooperatives **Insieme/Jointly**, which is located in the Bratunac area (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as an example of the economy of solidarity.

-Goran Lazin, activist of Women in Black presented how companies operate within the solidarity economy in order to fulfill economic and social objectives, for example, **Body Shop** from UK. This section was moderated by Stasa Zajovic.

-Engaged activist art-`public presence in space` and joint preparation of 8ht of March: coordinated by Dijana Milosevic, director of Dah Theatre. Within working groups the activists were creating together the street action for March the 8ht-International Women's Day.

-Feminist party: prepared by Violeta Djikanovic, Goran Lazin and Snezana Tabacki.

-Discussion circle on current social and political issues: a short introduction about the media campaign which return to the public scene of Serbia, relooking for traitors, the marginalization of the opposition, early parliamentary elections and so on. Snezana Tabacki presented and Snezana Obrenovic moderated.

-Agreement on future activities and evaluation (Integral report on the meeting of the Network -29 pages-can be found on the website of Women in Black).

In this reporting period, there have been numerous meetings of working groups on issues dealing with Women in Black Network (Women's Court-feminist approach to justice, feminist anti-militarist approach to security, video activism, artistic engagement in dealing with the past...) as is it was noted in previous sections.

### **Feminist solidarity for reproductive and labor rights of women-ad hoc coalition**

Working group and ad hoc coalition for reproductive, labor and women's rights consists of activists of feminist groups and related organizations (Autonomous Women's Center, Astra, Center for Comparative Law/CUPS, Voice of Difference, Labrys, Alert, Women Studies and Women in Black).

The working group was established for the purpose of Law on health protection of children and pregnant women (passed in late 2013). Demagogic-populist character of the law is manifested in reducing the identity of women on the reproductive role and only in the context of clericalisation and retraditionalization. The provisions of this law, previously passed as the Law on Labour (2013) adversely affect the status of women on the labor market and hinder women's access to employment, and so on. Working meetings were held within activity of this:

- 24th of February, Belgrade: working meeting was held in the premises of Ombudsman, on a demand of Women in Black, and due to Law on health protection of children and pregnant women and Law on Labour as well. The meeting attended Sasa Jankovic-Ombudsman of Republic of Serbia, Gordana Stevanovic-his deputy, Maria Lukic-lawyer and cooperator of Women in Black and Stasa Zajovic-Women in Black coordinator. During the meeting they exchanged opinions on a very unfavorable effects of this Law.
- 17th of March: Participated activists from Belgrade feminist groups. From Autonomous Women Center (Vanja Macanovic and Tanja Ignjatovic), Astra-Anti-Trafficking Centre (Marija Andjelkovic) Labrys (Mina Damjanovic), Voice of Difference (Marija Lukic), Alert (Tanja Markovic), Women Studies (Adriana Zaharijevic) and Women in Black (Stasa Zajovic). During the meeting were agreed the following joint activities: to expands our allies in order to amend the mentioned law, writing to the competent institutions on the impact of this law on women, collecting data about the negative effects of the law, making a brochure about the reproductive rights of women, organizing joint activities on 28th of May-International Day of Action for women's reproductive rights and women's health.
- On 7th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of April we held working meetings-continued critical review of mentioned laws, the analysis of the data of the National Employment Law (the number of women and children who have exercised the right to health care under the Law on health care for children and pregnant women in the first three months of implementation of this Law). In short, during working sessions we articulate a common feminist approach to these laws. Working group also joined Jelena Simic (Faculty Union and Center for Comparative Law/CUPS).
- Feminist Approach to health-reproductive rights-abortion: Women in Black have arranged a brochure containing an essay on the following issues: the feminist approach to health, reproductive rights, the repression over women's reproductive and sexual rights, as well as research of Women in Black
- Reproductive rights, abortion, safety. This booklet has 50 pages and was photocopied for the use by members of the working group.

All working sessions of the feminist ad hoc coalition were held in the premises of Women in Black.

## **Antifa solidarity-antifa front**

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, Association of Anti-Fascists and Women in Black addressed a Manifesto to the public under the title *Antifascist Serbia* on the 59th anniversary of liberation of Belgrade by the side of fascists on October the 20th in 1944. The Manifest was directed against the historical revisionism, `the rehabilitation of the Chetnik movement (Law on the Equalization of Chetniks and Partisans (2006) and the `Rehabilitation Act of Chetniks (2008).`

In this reporting period, there were five (5) working meetings:

3d and 27th of February, 3d of March and 7th and 14th of April, when they discussed the formation of the Anti-Fascist Front, joint activities in the future (marking the 9th of May-Victory Day over fascism and Europe Day as well), appeal on repression against Women in Black, etc).

Buletine of Solidarity/Bilten Solidarnosti: The Buletine of international campaigns of solidarity with the participation of Women in Black comes out every other month, but the material is collected daily. The campaign of international organizations dealing with human rights, such as Amnesty International, Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Code Pink, Human Rights Defenders, etc. Campaigns are related mostly to exert pressure on international organizations and institutions of a certain country, in order to save lives of human rights defenders, but may be related to the preservation of the environment and other social issues. We invite you to join the campaigns of global solidarity and mutual support. Bulletin coordinates: Sasha Kovacevic.

## **Actions of solidarity-with the members of vulnerable and disenfranchised minority communities**

(social-class, ethnic, racial, sexual), citizens whose human rights (occupational, educational, cultural) or of human rights defenders, are at risk.

**Solidarity with the Roma population:** against the institutional violence over Roma population, human security and human rights: continued solidarity support to Roma women and Roma population exposed to forced displacement and other forms of discrimination: March the 8ht-the start of the campaign `A month of Roma women activism`-this year's campaign took place under the slogan-`For active participation of Roma women in political and public life. The campaign have started with Belgrade street marsh on March the 8ht, organized by Women in Black.

**19th of March, Zemun Polje:** The active participation of Roma women in public and political life within the moon of Roma women activism since 8ht of March until 8ht of April-the International Roma Day.

**28ht of March, Zemun Polje:** Meeting with Roma families was held in the park of Zemun Polje, with the participation of 60 people. In Zemun Polje, Roma persecution continued because many residents of the settlement still oppose immigration of Roma families and the reaction of the state for racist outbursts was none! Along with Borka Vasic, Women in Black activist were activists of the Regional Centre for Minorities and Roma women's organization `Daje`.

**Solidarity with asylum seekers in Serbia:** continued solidarity actions against racist attacks which have culminated by the end of 2013. Therefore working meetings were held (March

2014) with related organizations (Group 484, Skart, Rex) in the premises of Women in Black on cooperation regarding visiting centers for asylum seekers, lobbying for the amendment of the Law on asylum seekers. Women in Black on the occasion of the International Day Against Racism (March the 21st) have organized a campaign of solidarity with asylum seekers/activists.

### **Solidarity with the workers/in their fight for labor rights-against criminal privatization**

On January 23d, in Priboj: A meeting with former workers of FAP (Car Factory Priboj) and other privatized and bankrupt companies of Priboj. The aim of the meeting was also support for the NGO 'Women's Voice of Priboj' (which consists primarily of former workers of FAP), active involvement in the activities of Women in Black Network, and so on. The working meeting was attended by 16 women.

**10th of February, Belgrade:** support to demonstrators of the protest in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the early February of 2014. We have started a protest against poverty and generally poor socio-economic situation with a request for the removal of government. Protests were organized by social networks, joined by dozen activists of Women in Black.

**15th of February, Zrenjanin:** meeting with women's section of the Association of Citizens 'Equality', which included 17 activists of the citizens association 'Equality', a local textile factory workers and activist of Women in Black. The purpose of a one-day working meeting was to learn about the conditions of labor rights and the position of workers and the unemployed in Zrenjanin, and considering the ways of cooperation, expanding and strengthening the network of women's groups which deal with labor rights.

### **Solidarity with human rights deffenders:**

The attacks, calls for lynching, organized campaign against Women in Black-ahead of peace actions of Women in Black, a celebration of 15 years of war crimes by Serbian forces against Kosovo Albanians in late March and April of 2014. There were series of attacks out of which we enlist the following:

- The attacks of a spokesman of antiterrorist units of Ministry of Internal Affairs. He called on his facebook status hooligans of local footbol clubs to beat up members of Women in Black organization
- A list of 'Serb-haters and traitors' was made by the organization Serbian Movement 'Ours'-on their official website. They published a list of **30 names**/public figures who are accused as 'Serb haters and traitors.' On the list were actors, directors, writers, political analysts and journalists
- A far-right organization 'Serbian plighters' have organized a protest in front of Women in Black office as a support to Anti-terrorist police unit spokesman of Ministry of Internal Affairs-Radomir Pocuca, who called for lynching the members of our organization
- Calls for murder and execution of Women in Black: the facebook page of online magazine 'PressOnline' (April the 5th)
- Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies/CEAS and the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights /Yucom on March 28ht, appealed to strongly condemn 'calls for lynching by

the spokesperson of Anti-Terrorist police unit-Radomir Pocuca against Women in Black` and in support to us have filled the criminal application as lawyers of Committee for Human rights (YUCOM). It also pointed out that huge number of previous attacks on Women in Black remained unpunished and showed that the `hooligans are in fact paramilitaries which are used to clamp down all the political and valuable opponents of the elite in power. This appeal was joined by dozens of CSO`s from Serbia as well as from the entire region

- Solidarity campaign of organizations for peace and human rights: Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Labrys, Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Republica, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies/CEAS, Women in Black, Humanitarian Law Center, Gay Straight Alliance, Center for Cultural Decontamination, Center for Advanced Legal Studies, Independent journalist`s Association, Association of Serbian anti-fascist, Civic Alliance, Civic Initiatives, as well as lawyers-have held a working meetings-(1st, 7th, 14th, 22nd and 29th of April) against threats, violence and pressure against Women in Black and other civil society organizations. Four working teams: legal, promotional, logistics and a team to prepare the street/protest actions with associations of artists. All working sessions were held in Women in Black premises
- Lawyer`s Committee for Human Rights/Yucom in the name of Women in Black has launched a criminal complaint against spokesperson of Anti-terrorist police unit-Radomir Pocuca on 31st of March
- Office of the cyber criminal in Serbian Interior Ministry has launched a preliminary investigation regarding the posts on facebook, which refer to organization Women in Black, as well as on the occasion of the list of so-called `Serb-haters and traitors` among public figures presented on the website of the movement `Ours`

### **Joint support and solidarity:**

In this period we have also participated in a number of civil society initiatives organized by similar groups. This chronological mention those in which we have active participation (as lecturers, panelists...):

26th of February, Belgrade: regarding human rights in Russia have spoken human rights defenders: Jurij Dziblaze (founder and president of Center for development of democracy and human rights) and Olga Zaharova (president of CSO-`Freedom Files.` The conference in Media Centre of Belgrade was organized by Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia. Women in Black were presented by Milos Urosevic and Stasa Zajovic.

27th of February, Belgrade: working meeting of Heinrich Boell Stiftung Foundation/HBS and Women in Black for mutual support, project work, ect. At the meeting were enrolled activists of Women in Black (Ljiljana and Stasa) and representatives of the HBS Foundation.

7th of March, Belgrade: March the 8ht-Women's battle Day-discussion organized by feminist collectives (Alert and Femfront). Participated: Marija Perkovic and Snezana Tabacki representing Women in Black.

11th of March, LGBT and queer literature in Serbia:discussion organized by Radio Rom, Center for Cultural Decontamination. The panel was attended by: Biljana Kosmogina, Biljana

Biba Petrovic, Dragoslava Barzut, Predrag Azdejkovic and Vladimir Arsenijevic. On behalf of Women in Black attended Milos Urosevic.

11th of March, Belgrade: the meeting of Fokus group regarding Pride. Debate regarding dubious research on the Pride Parade, held at the REX Cultural Center. Facilitated Maria Radoman, on behalf of Women in Black, participated Milos Urosevic.

19th of March, Belgrade: Center for Cultural Decontamination organized discussion on Where does Feminism goes? (Feminist Initiative in Yugoslavia during the war, after the war, and today-all over the world...) with Rada Ivekovic a philosopher and feminist from Paris. The meeting was attended by 50 people, primarily feminist activists and women out of the academic community.

20th of March: lecture on 'Patriarchy within philosophy of Radomir Konstantinovic', was held by Rada Ivekovic and organized by initiative 'The ignorant schoolmaster and his committees ' and Women in Black. The event was attended by fifteen (15) persons.

27th of March, Novi Sad: experience of Yugoslav self-management-conference organized by the collective Gerusija from Novi Sad, participated Marija Perkovic.

27th of March, Belgrade: promotion of the book of the same name about famous women out of the area of Valjevo/Serbia. Attended two activists of Women in Black.

31st of March, Belgrade: presentation of Action Plan for public advocacy-the adoption of 14 Ombudsman points and the Commissioner for information of public importance. Ljiljana Radovanovic participated on behalf of Women in Black.

4<sup>th</sup> of April, Belgrade: labour, capital, class struggle-work in the age of neoliberal transformation-a debate organized by the Centre for politics of emancipation, Belgrade. It was held at the Youth Center and on behalf of Women in Black. Participated Marija Perkovic.

16<sup>th</sup> of April, Belgrade-Antiwar monument: debate about the initiative to build antiwar monument on the scene of the event which have happened 15 years ago-the ruins of the club 'Green bell' which was riddled on 7<sup>th</sup> of April in 1999. Its owner Branislav-Guta Grubacki was arrested as a 'traitor'. The debate organized at the Centre for Cultural Decontamination/ attended five activists of Women in Black.

**Campaigns, appeals:** in addition to the initiatives outlined in this reporting period, we have also initiated or actively participated in numerous campaigns, especially in relation to the requirements for dealing with the past-responsibility for war crimes, demilitarization, the repression over political opponents. The most important appeals and campaigns to mention are:

**Solidarity with feminists of Spain:** support for democratic and feminist demands of women in Spain against the abortion ban, with a request to immediately withdraw the draft law on 'Protection of the rights of fetus and pregnant women' (passed by the end 2013). By this solidarity and international feminist action we have expressed bitterness over the growth of extreme right-wing forces throughout Europe. Our political commitment is resistance to those forces and trends, especially in our back yard, in Serbia, where the loss of the secular character of the state is manifested in the involvement of the Serbian Orthodox Church (SPC) in all spheres of public and political life and particularly reproductive and sexual rights of women. As we used to do previously, Women in Black will provide public and non-violent

resistance. Appeal of Women in Black, which was submitted to the Embassy of Spain in Belgrade (12<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014) joined about 30 women's groups from Serbia and Montenegro.

***`Strpci-21 years without justice and recognition`:*** Women in Black, Humanitarian Law Fund and Youth Initiative for Human Rights appealed to competent institutions with requirements to examine the `responsibility of the institutions of the Republic of Serbia for this crime`, as well as their current shameful attitude toward the families of victims who are not recognized as civilian war victims-victims do not have the status of civil war invalids due to the fact that the crime was committed on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs denies the families of the victims of these crimes to exercise their rights under the Law on civil war invalids. Humanitarian Law Fund, Youth initiative for human rights and Women in Black invited the authorities to `cease the practice of denying the rights of families of victims of the worst crimes and to amend the Law on Rights of the Civil War Invalids and thus provide at least partial satisfaction to the victims and their families, since they bear the unquestionable responsibility for thier loss.` During the trial to Ranisavljevic, it was determined that kidnapping was planned a month earlier, and that the Railway Company of Belgrade repeatedly informed the representatives of the Yugoslav Army and the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs of the preparations for kidnapping of passengers. Nobody did nothing to save the lives of Serbian citizens.

***Stop war in Siria:*** Women in Black of Belgrade and Madrid have sent on February 23d public appeal regarding peace talks on Syria with the request for a peaceful resolution of the conflict including civil society, the suspension of arms sales to warring parties, the protection of civilians from military attacks, starvation, deportation, protection of women from sexual crimes, stopping the destruction of historical heritage in Syria, and so on.

***We remember/Kujtojmë: 15 years since the crimes over Albanian civilians in Kosovo:***

Women in Black have addresses to future government on 26<sup>th</sup> of March certain demands: to reveal and speak up regarding data on missing persons of Albanian nationality who have disappeared during NATO bombing, to speak up regarding all the data on mass tombs in Serbia where are the remains of persons of Albanian nationality, to take all actions with the aim of prosecuting those who are responsible for the committed crimes over Albanians so that perpetrators are adequately punished.

***Solidarity with Sonja Biserko:*** due to attack of ultra-right organizations on Sonja Biserko, president of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia because of her testimony in front of the International Court of Justice, Association of Serbian anti-fascist and Women in Black have launched on 4<sup>th</sup> of April an open letter of solidarity to support Sonja Biserko and request of the authorities in Serbia to `take the protection of human right defenders and punish those who commit violence spreading hate speech and calling for her lynch.` Principled testimony of Sonja Biserko and her appointment on crimes and those responsible for crimes during '90s, injustice and discrimination, is a thorn in the eye of the political elite and a good part of the silence of public and state. In her case it is a sign that the authorities hide criminals and are covering up crimes, beyond any ethical and political code.` This appeal was supported by the following NGO`s: Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Women Studies and research from Novi Sad, Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Reconstruction Women's Fund, Voice of Difference, Humanitarian Law, Labrys, as well as dozens public persons from Serbia.

### **Discussion circles, lectures, debates in the premises of Women in Black:**

The practice of regular discussion circles, lectures and joint reflections on important social and political issues in the country and all over the world, we have continued in this reporting period too, so we organized eight (8) lectures and debates with the participation of **240** people.

-22<sup>nd</sup> of January-talk about investigation of murder of the owner and journalist of daily news `Telegraph`-Slavko Curuvija: he was murdered during the NATO bombing in 1999. The keynote speaker was Dragoljub Todorovic, while 18 people participated in the debate.

-5<sup>th</sup> of February-screening of the movie `The state`-this film is directed by Jelena Markovic, a screening of the movie and an interview afterwards have attended **17** people.

-19<sup>th</sup> of February-`Are women peaceful by thier nature'-a workshop coordinated by Stasa Zajovic within the internal cycle of lectures and workshops-`Women's peace policy`. On the same occasion, there was a screening of movie 'Common Dreams' on Argentinian Mothers of May Square and it was attended by 15 activists of Women in Black.

-26<sup>th</sup> of February-debate on the upcoming parliamentary elections in Serbia (dilemmas, questions...). Panelists were: Vesna Pesic, a sociologist and Vesna Rakic-Vodinelic, law professor. During the meeting, 36 activists and people out of the academic community took part in this debate.

-12<sup>th</sup> of March-relationships among women: the policy of peace and/or war-about friendship between women as an important component of women's peace activism...-workshop in the series of debates `Women, Peace, Policy` and was coordinated by Masha Malesevic and Stasa Zajovic and it was attended by 12 activists.

-19<sup>th</sup> of March-`Europe: What kind of and for whom?`- a lecture held by Goran Fejic (Yugoslav diplomat until 1991, retired UN official). The lecture was attended by **27** people.

-26<sup>th</sup> of March-`Dadaism`-artistic and political movement of the early twentieth century: the history, concepts, content, importance, best known representatives, held by Goran Lazin activist of Women in Black, in the presence of **15** individuals.

-2nd of April-on attacks of Women in Black, the repression of human rights defenders, on the current political and security situation-the debate was attended by 20 activists.

-9nd of April-true and illustrated history of a Belgrade harlot and her struggle for constitutional rights-by Ivan Jankovic. The book is about prostitution in the nineteenth century (Cigoja edition, 2014). Vesna Pesic-sociologist, Milos Urosevic-Women in Black activist and Stasa Zajovic Women in Black coordinator spoke of this book. The event was attended by **33** people.



-15th of April-She left her trace inside of us-a tribute to Tamara Kaliterna: Journalist and Women in Black activist, who died in December 2013. This common act of remembrance attended **35** people from Belgrade and Novi Sad.

-23d of April-European anti-fascist conference in Athens: the conference was attended by Marija Perkovic and it was about antifascist movement in Europe. Her report on this conference have attended **12** activists.

**Recognition:** In February of 2014, GayEcho portal proclaimed Stasa Zajovic the gay icon for 2013: the title of the female gay icons for 2013 received Stasa Zajovic Women in Black coordinator: `because of her long years of advocacy for LGBT rights, her support for the LGBT community in Serbia and the region and despite the verbal attacks of certain activists of LGBT community she did not turn her back.` The title of the male gay icon was assigned to the winner of Big Brother-Zarko Stojanovic, for his contribution to greater visibility of the LGBT community and improving the image of the LGBT community in Serbia.

**International policy:** active participation on international conferences regarding global solidarity actions, visits of exchange, and so on. Here are some of the activities:

Madrid, 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> of February: Stasa Zajovic, Women in Black activists took part in a series of events: a tribute to Howard Clark/Howard Clarck, WRI (War Recessists International ), the feminist protest against the bill to ban abortions, meeting with activists of social movements, primarily Women in Black of Madrid.

18<sup>th</sup> of February: meeting with members of SITF-Special Investigative Task Force in the premises of Women in Black.

31<sup>st</sup> of March, Belgrade: meeting with Morgiana Brading, a representative of the Secretariat of the Tribunal in Hague, Belgrade office, at a meeting held in the premises of Women in Black where we have discussed the process of dealing with the past/transitional justice.

11<sup>th</sup> of April-meeting with 17 students/activists from Denver (USA) introducing them with work of Women in Black in particular the feminist approach to justice. The meeting was organized by Dah Theatre.

During this period, Women in Black have visited numerous international activists and researchers from all over the world.

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