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NATO, FROM 24 MARCH TO 24 APRIL 1999

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

From the onset of NATO aggression against our country up to 24 April 1999, the North Atlantic Alliance made over 10 000 criminal attacks against the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In air strikes were used: 806 warplanes (of which over 530 combat planes) and 206 helicopters stationed in 30 air-bases (situated in 5 states) and on 6 warships in the Adriatic sea. More than 2500 cruise missiles were launched and over 7,000 tons of explosives were dropped.

*Nota bene: the number of airplanes used has increased during the time, and presently is larger than the figure stated.*

About 1000 civilians, including 13 children, were killed and more than 4,500 sustained serious injuries e.g.:

- in Kurshumlija: 13 dead and 25 wounded;
- in Pancevo: 2 dead and 4 wounded;
- in Chachak: one dead and 7 wounded;
- in Kragujevac: over 120 workers were wounded during an attack on the car factory "Zastava";
- in Vranje: two dead and 23 wounded;
- in Aleksinac: 12 dead and more than 40 wounded;
- in Nagavac village, Orahovac municipality: 11 dead and 5 wounded;
- in Pristina: 10 dead and 8 wounded;
- Grdelichka gorge: 55 killed and 16 wounded;
- attack on two refugee columns, with four cruise missiles, **(sic: the attack has been conducted by planes, both according to Yugoslav sources and NATO, there couldn't have been any cruise missiles, but guided missiles or laser-guided bombs instead)** on the Djakovica-Prizren road: 75 killed and 100 wounded, of whom 26 critically;
- in the village of Srbica: 10 killed, among whom 7 children;
- Belgrade suburb of Batajnica: a three year old girl Milica Rakic was killed, and five civilians wounded.
- in Nis: in the attack on housing flats one civilian was killed while 11 wounded;
- in Pristina: in the attack on a Provisional Executive Council building in the suburb Grmija, one civilian was killed while 2 wounded;
- in Djakovica: in the attack on a refugee settlement housing Serb refugees from the Republika Srpska Krajina (Croatia), 10 refugees were killed and 16 wounded;
- in Belgrade: in the attack on the Radio Television of Serbia office building, 15 employees have been killed and 17 wounded;

Three million children are endangered in our country as a result of war and bombardment by NATO criminals. After these barbarian attacks hundreds of thousands citizens have been exposed to poisonous gasses which can have a lasting consequences on the health of the entire population and the environment.

After the demolition of the Petrovaradin bridge, Novi Sad and Petrovaradin were cut of water supply (600 000 citizens) since the main and city pipeline was constructed into the bridge. About one million citizens in our country are short of water supply due to the bombardment of NATO aggressors. About 500 000 workers became jobless due to the total destruction of industrial facilities all around the country. Two million citizens have no means for living and cannot ensure the minimum for existence. Overall material damage is enormous. Preliminary estimates indicate that barbaric air strikes of the neo-fashist NATO alliance, since the beginning of the unprovoked aggression on the FR of Yugoslavia, on industrial, commercial and civil facilities and structures throughout our peace-loving country, have incurred damages in excess of 10 billion dollars. In the territory of the northern province of Vojvodine alone, damages have been estimated in excess of 3,5 billion dollars.

## T R A F F I C

The road and railway networks, especially road and rail bridges, most of which were destroyed or damaged beyond repair, suffered extensive destruction. The targets of attacks were such communications as:

### 1. BRIDGES (18 DESTROYED AND 12 DAMAGED):

#### (a) Destroyed (20)=09

1. The Varadin Bridge over the Danube (on 1 April 1999);
2. The "Sloboda" (Freedom) Bridge over the Danube (on 4 April 1999);
3. The "Zezeljov" Bridge in Novi Sad (on 5 April 1999);
4. The bridge over the Ibar river, Biljanovac municipality (on 5 - 13 April 1999);
5. The bridge over the Vrba=85ka river near Jezgovic (on 5 April 1999);
6. The "Lozno" railway bridge near Usce (on 5 April 1999);
7. The road bridge on the road leading to Brvenik, near Usce (on 5 April 1999);
8. The bridge near Zubin Potok, on the Kosovska Mitrovica - Ribarice road (on 5 April 1999);
9. The old bridge on the river Rasina near the town of Krusevac (12-13 April 1999);
10. The new bridge on the river Rasina near the town of Krusevac (12-13 April 1999);
11. The Krusevac-Pojate bridge on the river Zapadna Morava, at the village of Jasika (on 13 April 1999);
12. The railway bridge on the river Lim, between Priboj and Prijepolje, near hydroelectric power station Bistrica (on 15 April 1999);
13. The bridge on the river Ibar, at the village of Brvenik, linking Korlace and Raska (15.04.1999.);
14. The bridge between Smederevo and Kovin (16 April 1999);
15. The railway bridge on the river Kostajnica, near Kursumlija (18.04.1999.);
16. The bridge over the regional Kursumlija - Prokuplje road;
17. The bridge over the river Vrapcevska Reka near the village of Ribarice, from the direction of Kosovska Mitrovica;
18. The bridge over the railway track on the regional road Biljanovac - Mt. Kopaonik;
19. The railway bridge near the village of Rudnica in the vicinity of Raska, on the Kraljevo - Kosovo Polje railway line;
20. The bridge over the Danube along the Beograd-Novı Sad road, near Beska, Indjija municipality (on 21 April 1999);

*22. On May 1, a large bridge on Serbia-Montenegro main road between Priboj and Prijepolje completely destroyed!*

#### (b) Damaged (12)

1. The "Mladosti" (Youth) Bridge over the Danube, connecting Backa Palanka with Ilok, was damaged (on 4 April 1999); *See down below, few weeks later destroyed!*
2. The new railway/road bridge over the Danube connecting Bogojevo and Erdut was damaged (on 5 April 1999);
3. The road bridge along the Magura Belacevac road, 15 kilometres from Pristina, suffered extensive damage;
4. The bridge along the Nis-Pristina primary road, near Kursumlija, was extensively damaged (on 5 April 1999);
5. The Grdelica gorge railway bridge, on the river Juzna Morava, was damaged (on 12 April 1999);
6. The Grdelica gorge road bridge, on the river Juzna Morava, was damaged (on 12 April 1999);
7. The road bridge over the Kosanica river near Kursumlija was damaged (on 13 April 1999);
8. The road bridge on the river Toplica, on the Nis-Pristina road near the town of Kursumlija, was heavily damaged (14 and 19 April 1999);
9. The bridge on the river Kosanica, at the village of Selo Visoko, has sustained heavy damages and is out of service 18.04.1999.);
10. The road bridge "Raskrsnica" near Donja Bistrica, on the route Priboj - Prijepolje - Nova Varos, has sustained heavy damages (20 April 1999);
11. The railway bridge on the river Sava near Ostruznica, has been heavily damaged (21, 23 April 1999);
12. The railway bridge on the Kraljevo - Raska railway line, near Kraljevo, has been heavily damaged (23 April 1999);

## 2. RAILWAYS RAILWAY STATIONS (16):

1. The Kraljevo - Kosovo Polje rail, near Ibarska Slatina;
2. The Belgrade - Bar rail, due to the destruction of the railway track near the village of Strbce and destruction of the bridge on the river Lim, between Priboj and Prijepolje;
3. The Kursumlija - Prokuplje rail, near Pepeljevac village;
4. The Kraljevo - Kosovo Polje rail, near Ibarska Slatina;
5. The Nis - Pristina rail, near Kursumlija;
6. "Sarpelj" tunnel, near Jerinje village, 15 km north of Leposavic towards Raska, was destroyed;
7. Railway station in Kraljevo (Bogutovac);
8. Railway station in Kosovo Polje;
9. The Belgrade - Thessaloniki rail, due to the destruction of the bridge in the Grdelica gorge;
10. Railway station in the town of Biljanovac;
11. Railway track and overpass (Josinacka Banja) near the town of Biljanovac;
12. Railway track Kursumlija - Podujevo, due to damages on the railway bridge at Kursumlija;
13. Railway track Kraljevo - Kragujevac, due to damages to the section of the track near the village of Vitanovac;
14. Railway track Uzice - Priboj;
15. Railway track Bogojevo - Vukovar;
16. Railway Track Leskovac - Predejane;
17. *see down below – railway station in Pozarevac...*

## 3. ROADS AND TRANSPORTERS (6 MAJOR ROADS):

1. Ibarska primary road, due to damages to the bridge on the Ibar river, Biljanovac municipality, and destruction of the road between Pozega and Cacak;
2. Belgrade-Zagreb highway, near Stari Banovci;
3. Traffic suspended on the Kosovska Mitrovica-Ribarici section of the Adriatic highway due to

the destruction of the bridge over the Vrbaska river;

4. "Jedinstvo" bus station in Vranje sustained extensive damage;
5. "Kosmet Prevoz" transporter in Gnjilane (a hangar full of new buses);
6. Kraljevo-Raska primary road;
7. Bus station in Pristina;
8. Traffic has been suspended on the Krusevac-Pojate road due to the destruction of the bridge on the Zapadna Morava, in the village of Jasika;
9. Traffic has been suspended on the Nis-Pristina road, due to the fact that the bridge on the river Toplica, near the town of Kursumlija, has sustained heavy damage;
10. Traffic has been suspended on the regional road Priboj - Prijepolje - Nova Varos, due to damages inflicted on the bridge "Raskrsnica" near Donja Bistrica;
11. Road maintenance company "Magistrala" in Pristina;
12. The Nis Central Bus Station;
13. The Pristina Bus Station;

#### 4. AIRPORTS (7):

- "Slatina" in Pristina; "Batajnica" and "Surcin" in Belgrade; Nis airport; "Ponikve" in Uzice; "Golubovac" in Podgorica, "Ladjevci" airport near Kraljevo; agricultural and sports airfield in Sombor.

### ECONOMIC AND CIVILIAN TARGETS, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

The air strikes have so far destroyed or damaged all over the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia several thousand economic facilities and dwellings. In the Leskovac region alone, over 3,500 industrial

facilities and dwellings were either destroyed or damaged. The devastation of NATO forces was particularly manifest in Pristina, Novi Sad, Aleksinac, Djakovica, Prokuplje, Gračanica, Cuprija, etc. Housing blocks on the outskirts of Belgrade – Kijevo Knezevac, Batajnica, Jakovo, Borca, as well as the area around Pancevo, were under attack.

#### 1. INDUSTRY AND TRADE:

The NATO aggressor's attacks targeted the factories and industrial facilities which directly cater for the needs of the population, among which are:

1. "Galenika" drug factory in Belgrade;
2. Industrial complex "Dvadeset Prvi Maj" in Rakovica;
3. Machine building plant "Industrija Motora Rakovica" in Rakovica; - *destroyed completely, produced car engines for export to Italy.*
4. Factory "Jugostroj" in Rakovica;
5. Factory "Frigostroj" in Rakovica;
6. "Lola Utva" agricultural aircraft factory in Pancevo;
7. "Zdravlje" pharmaceutical plant in Leskovac;
8. "Sloboda" white goods factory in Cacak;
9. "Din" tobacco industry in Nis;
10. "Elektronska industrija" factory in Nis;
11. "Jastrebac" machine industry in Nis;
12. Facilities of the "Beograd" rail company in Nis;
13. Construction material depot "Ogrev Invest" in Nis;
14. General merchandise depot "Kopaonik" in Nis;
15. Production line of the tobacco factory "Nis" in Nis;

16. "Elektrotehna" warehouse in Nis;
17. Food storage facility "Fidelinka" in Nis;
18. Facilities of the machine industry in Nis;
19. Office building of the company "So Produkt" in Nis;
20. Facilities of the pharmaceutical company "Velafarm" in Nis;
21. "Zastava" car factory in Kragujevac;
22. "14 Oktobar" machine factory in Krusevac;
23. Production line of the metal factory "Metalac" in Kursumlija;
24. "Krusik" holding corporation in Valjevo;
25. "Ciklonizacija" in Novi Sad;
26. "Tehnogas" in Novi Sad;
27. "Novograp" in Novi Sad;
28. "Gumins" in Novi Sad;
29. "Albus" in Novi Sad;
30. "Petar Drapsin" in Novi Sad;
31. "Motins" in Novi Sad;
32. "Izolacija" in Novi Sad;
33. "Novokabel" in Novi Sad;
34. "Istra" fittings factory in Kula;
35. The port of Bogojevo;
36. "Div" cigarette factory in Vranje;
37. "Nova Jugoslavija" printers in Vranje;
38. Furniture factor "Simp" in Vranje;
39. Textile industry "Jumko" in Vranje;
40. Wood-processing complex "27. November" in Raska;
41. Tubes factory in Urosevac;
42. "Milan Blagojevic" chemical plant in Lucani;
43. Plastics factory in Pristina;
44. Cotton yarn factory in Pristina;
45. Shock-absorber factory in Pristina;
46. Surface coal mine "Belacevac";
47. "Binacka Morava" hydro construction company in Gnjilane;
48. Cigarette factory in Gnjilane;
49. Battery factory in Gnjilane;
50. Over 250 commercial and crafts shops in Djakovica were destroyed;
51. "Dijana" shoe factory in Sremska Mitrovica;

2. REFINERIES AND WAREHOUSES storing liquid raw materials and chemicals intended for the oil and chemical industry, were hit in Pancevo, Novi Sad, Sombor and elsewhere, causing large contamination of soil and the air:

1. Fuel storage in Lipovica, which caused a great fire in the Lipovica forest (on 26 March 1999);
2. "Beopetrol" storage in Belgrade (on 4 April 1999);
3. "Beopetrol" storage in Bogutovac (4-24 April 1999);
4. Fuel storage of the boiler plant in Novi Beograd (on 4 April 1999);
5. Chemical plant "Prva Iskra" in Baric - destruction of the production line (19 April 1999);
6. Oil Refinery in Pancevo - totally demolished (4-16 April 1999);
7. Petrochemical industry "DP HIP PETROHEMIJA" in Pancevo - totally demolished (14-15 April 1999);
8. Fertilizer plant "DP HIP AZOTARA" in Pancevo – totally destroyed (14-15 April 1999);
9. "Jugopetrol" installations in Smederevo (on 4-13 April 1999);
10. Thermo electric power station/boiler plant in Novi Sad (on 5 April 1999);

11. Oil Refinery in Novi Sad, storage of bitumen (5 and 6 April 1999); *hit again many times later, till April 29 11 times.*
12. "Jugopetrol" storage in Sombor (on 7 April 1999);
13. Fuel storage "Naftagas promet" which is located 10 km from Sombor (5 April 1999);
14. Naftagas warehouse between Conoplje and Kljaicevo (Sombor);
15. "Beopetrol" fuel storage in Pristina (on 7 April 1999);
16. Jugopetrol warehouse in Pristina (on 12 April 1999);
17. Jugopetrol petrol station in Pristina ( on 13 April 1999);
18. Fuel depot in Gruua, near Kragujevac;

### 3. AGRICULTURE:

1. PIK "Kopaonik" in Kursumlija;
2. PIK "Mladost" in Gnjilane;
3. Agricultural Complex "Malizgan" in Dolac;
4. Agricultural Complex "Djuro Strugar" in Kula;
5. Agricultural and food-processing plant and a cow-breeding farm with 220 milk cows "Pester", in Sjenica, has been destroyed;
6. In forest fires caused by NATO cruise missiles and bombs over 250 hectares of forests have been burned down; 7. Several thousand hectares of fertile land, many rivers, lakes and underground waters have been polluted due to the spillage of petrochemical substances, oil spills and slicks;

4. HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE CENTRES (21): NATO aviation also targeted many hospitals and health-care institutions, which have been partially damaged or totally destroyed, including:

- Neuropsychiatric Ward "Dr. Laza Lazarevic" and Central Pharmacy of the Emergency Centre in Belgrade (*hospital close to Federal Ministry of Interior Building – partially damaged , on April 3*);
- "Sveti Sava" hospital in Belgrade (*Hospital across ex-military building in street Nemanjina 9 – partially damaged*);
- Army Medical Academy in Belgrade (*substantially damaged*);
- Gynaecological Hospital and Maternity Ward of the Clinical Centre in Belgrade; (*hospital close to Federal Ministry of Interior Building – partially damaged*);
- Health Care Centre in Rakovica (*almost completely destroyed*);
- Hospital and Medical Centre in the territory in Leskovac;
- Gerontological Centre in Leskovac;
- Hospital and Poly-clinic in Nis;
- General Hospital in Djakovica;
- City Hospital in Novi Sad;
- Medical Centre and Ambulance Centre in Aleksinac;
- Medical Centre in Kraljevo;
- Dispensary on Mount Zlatibor;
- City hospital in Valjevo;
- Dispensary "Krusik" in Valjevo;
- Hospital for treatment of dystrophias in Novi Pazar;
- Health Care Centre in Kursumlija;

5. SCHOOLS (MORE THAN 200 FACILITIES) Over 2000 schools, faculties and facilities for students and children were damaged or destroyed (over 25 faculties, 10 collages,

45 secondary and 90 elementary schools, 8 student dormitories, as well as a number of kindergartens), including:

- Elementary schools "16. oktobar" and "Vladimir Rolovic" in Belgrade;
- Day-care centre in settlement Petlovo Brdo in Belgrade;
- Elementary school and Engineering secondary school centre in Rakovica;
- Two secondary schools in the territory of Nis;
- Faculty for construction and architecture in Nis;
- Faculty for machine-technical studies in Nis;
- Faculty for electro-technical studies in Nis;
- Faculties of Law and Economics and elementary school "Radoje Domanovic" in Nis;
- Elementary schools "Toza Markovic", "Djordje Natosevic", "Veljko Vlahovic", "Sangaj" and "Djuro Danicic" and a day-care centre "Duga" in Novi Sad and creches in Visarionova Street and in the neighbourhood of Sangaj; Traffic School Centre, Faculty of Philosophy;
- Four elementary schools and a Medical high school in the territory of Leskovac;
- Elementary school in Lucane, as well as a larger number of education facilities in the territory of Kosovo and Metohija;
- Elementary schools in Kraljevo and the villages of Cvetka, Aketa and Ladjevci;
- In Sombor: elementary schools "Ivo Lola Ribar", "A. Mrazovic", "N. Vukicevic" and "Nikola Tesla"
- School centre in Kula;
- Agricultural school in Valjevo;

## 6. PUBLIC AND HOUSING FACILITIES (TENS OF THOUSANDS)

- The residence of the President of the FR of Yugoslavia in Belgrade, sustained heavy damages (22 April 1999) adress: *Uzicka 14*.
- Severe damage to the facilities of the Republican and Federal Ministry of the Interior in Belgrade (3 April 1999),
- Damage to the building of the Institute for Security of the Ministry of the Interior in Banjica (3 April 1999);
- Severe damage to the TV RTS studio in Pristina;
- Heavy damage to Hydro-Meteorological Station (Bukulja, near Arandjelovac);
- Post Office in Pristina destroyed (7 April 1999);
- Refugee centre in Pristina destroyed (7 April 1999);
- "Tornik" ski resort on Mount Zlatibor (on 8 April 1999);
- "Divcibare" mountain resort (on 11 April 1999);
- "Baciste" Hotel on Mount Kopaonik (on 12 April 1999) *a hotel empty at the time, high B-category, many foreign tourists stayed there;*
- City power plant in the town of Krusevac (12-13 April 1999);
- Meteorological Station on Mount Kopaonik damaged (on 13 April 1999);
- Four libraries in Rakovica sustained heavy damage: "Radoje Dakic", "Isidora Sekulic", "Milos Crnjanski" and "Dusan Matic";
- Refugee camp "7 juli" in Paracin has sustained heavy damage;
- Office building of the Provincial Executive Council of Vojvodina, Novi Sad (18.04.1999.);
- Hotel "Mineral" in Bogutovacka Banja sustained heavy damages (19 April 1999);
- Office building of the power distribution board "Elektro distribucija" in Kursumlija (20 April 1999);
- Hotel "Putnik" on Mt. Kopaonik;
- Business centre "Usce" in Belgrade (21 April 1999);



- Refugee camp "Majino naselje" in Djakovica (21 April 1999);
- Radio Television of Serbia office building in Belgrade (23 April 1999);
- Youth and children centre in Belgrade (23 April 1999);
- Youth theater "Dusko Radovic" in Belgrade (23 April 1999);
- Post Office in Nis (23 April 1999);
- Several thousand housing facilities damaged or destroyed, privately or State owned, across Yugoslavia - most striking examples being housing blocks in downtown Aleksinac and those near Post Office in Pristina.

#### 7. INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Damage to a power supply transmitted in Batajnica (26 March 1999);
- Damage to water supply system in Zemun (5 April 1999);
- Damage to a power supply transmitter in Bogutovac (10 April 1999);
- Telephone lines cut off in Bogutovac (10 April 1999);
- Damage to a power station in Pristina (12 April 1999);
- Damage to Bistrica hydroelectric power station in Polinje (13 April 1999);
- Damage to electric power transmission lines and distribution network in the zone under air strikes by NATO enemy aircraft;
- Destruction of power supply transmitters in Belgrade suburbs of Resnik and Zemun Polje (23 April 1999);

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

##### TV TRANSMITTERS (23):

1. Jastrebac (Prokuplje)
2. Gucevo (Loznica)
3. Cot (Fruska Gora)
4. Grmija (Pristina)
5. Bogutovac (Pristina)
6. TV transmitter on Mt Goles (Pristina)
7. Mokra Gora (Pristina)
8. Kutlovac (Stari Trg)
9. "Cigota" (Uzice)
10. "Tornik" (Uzice)
11. Transmitter on Crni Vrh (Jagodina)
12. Satellite station "Yugoslavia" (in Prilike near Ivanjica) *a very expensive station, unique in Yugoslavia*
13. TV masts and transmitters (Novi Sad)
14. TV transmitter on Mt Ovcar (Cacak)
15. TV transmitter in Kijevo (Belgrade)
16. TV transmitter on Mt Cer17. Relay on Mt Jagodnji (Krupanj)
18. TV transmitter "Iriski Venac" (Fruska Gora)
19. TV relay on Mt. Bukulja;
20. Transmitter in Gazimestan (Pristina);
21. RTV transmitter in Krnjaca (Belgrade);
22. RTV transmitter on Mt. Gobelj (Mt. Kopaonik);
23. RTV transmitter on top of the business centre "Usce" used by RTV Kosava, RTV Pink, SOS channel, TV BK and Radio S (Belgrade);

24. RTV transmitter of Studio B, owned by the city of Belgrade, few kilometres north of Belgrade, approximately destroyed on April 28-29.

## CULTURAL-HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND RELIGIOUS SHRINES

### MEDIEVAL MONASTERIES AND RELIGIOUS SHRINES (18):

1. Monastery Gracanica from 14th century (24 March - 6 April 1999);
2. Monastery Rakovica from 17th century (29 March 1999);
3. Patriarchate of Pec (1 April 1999);
4. Church in Jelasnica near Surdulica (4 April 1999);
5. Monastery of the Church of St. Juraj (built in 1714) in Petrovaradin (1 April 1999);
6. Monastery of Holy Mother (12th century) at the estuary of the Kosanica in the Toplica - territory of municipality of Kursumlija (4 April 1999);
7. Monastery of St. Nicholas (12th century) in the territory of the municipality of Kursumlija (4 April 1999);
8. Monastery of St. Archangel Gabriel in Zemun (5 April 1999);
9. Roman Catholic Church St. Antonio in Djakovica (29 March 1999);
10. Orthodox cemetery in Gnjilane (30 March 1999);
11. Monuments destroyed in Bogutovac (8 April 1999);
12. "Kadinjaca" memorial complex (8 April 1999);
13. Vojlovica monastery near Pancevo (12 April 1999);
14. Hopovo monastery, iconostasis damaged (12 April 1999);
15. Orthodox Christian cemetery in Pristina (12 April 1999); (*heavy destruction, craters*)
16. Monastery church St. Archangel Michael in Rakovica (16 April 1999);
17. Orthodox church St. Marco in Belgrade (24 April 1999);
18. Russian Orthodox church Holly Trinity in Belgrade (24 April 1999);

### CULTURAL-HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS (9):

1. Severe damage to the roof structure of the Fortress of Petrovaradin (1 April 1999);
2. Heavy damage to "Tabacki bridge", four centuries old, in Djakovica (5 April 1999);
3. Substantial damage to the building in Stara Carsija (Old street) in Djakovica (5 April 1999);
4. Destroyed archives housed in one of the Government buildings in Belgrade (3 April 1999);
5. Memorial complex in Gucevo (Loznica);
6. Memorial complex "Sumarice" in Kragujevac;
7. Vojvodina Museum in Novi Sad;
8. Old Military Barracks in Kragujevac - under the protection of the state (16 April 1999);
9. Memorial complex Crveni Krst in Nis (21 April 1999);

## **R E V I E W**

### **OF CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BARBARIAN AND CRIMINAL AGGRESSION OF NATO (22-23 APRIL 1999)**

... As for refugees, the entire world remembers unfortunate events from May, August and September 1995. In May 1995, during the operation "Lightning", with tacit approval of the monstrous alliance, Croatia attacked with

airplanes and artillery a column of refugees with 15,000 Serbs, leaving several hundred dead on the blood-stained asphalt of Western Slavonia, a UN protected area.

Only three months later, on 5 August 1995, NATO went even further from "tacit approval". Croatian planes, in cooperation with NATO, with missiles and machine guns attacked the refugees from the

remaining part of RS Krajina. It was established that in that genocidal attack at least 1,630 civilians of Serb nationality were killed or missing.

In the criminal act of the Croatian army, code-named "Storm" with the support of US military "instructors" from the Republic of Serbian Krajina at least 320,000 Serbs were ethnically cleansed.

In the area of Northern Dalmatia, Lika, Banija and Kordun – UN protected areas - only the dead and imprisoned remained.

In September 1995, air raids were committed against the column of Serb refugees from western Bosnian Krajina, on the road to Banja Luka. They were attacking refugee centres with most Serbs from RS

Krajina. In the bombing that continued well into October several thousand civilians died.

Genocidal NATO alliance with these attacks helped the Muslims and Croats to conquer the territories they would never have conquered.

More than 75 Kosmet Albanians - returnees, who were killed by NATO bombs on the Djakovica-Prizren road, Serbs - refugees from Croatia and Bosnia, killed several days ago in murderous bombing of

Paracin, Serbs killed in a refugee centre in Djakovica - several years later only joined the victims of ethnic cleansing and genocide which the Croatian authorities committed in the territory of the RS Krajina,

and the Muslim authorities in the territory of former Bosnia and Herzegovina, with indirect or direct assistance of the notorious NATO Alliance.

The world then did not speak of a humanitarian catastrophe, which was obvious, while US President Clinton never thought of protecting Serbs from Krajina who are being killed once again, but this time by his bombs.

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## **B E L G R A D E**

(1) NATO criminals fired missiles last night on the office building of Radio and Television Serbia (RTS) in downtown Belgrade, surrounded by residential blocks. Fire brigades manage to put out the fire which broke out after the explosion of the missile which hit the part of the building housing studios and equipment. At least 4 floors of the building totally collapsed, cutting off the remainder of the building.

It is feared that at least 15 employees of RTS were killed in this genocidal attack of NATO criminals, while 17 are wounded, including two in critical condition.

(2) Following NATO's criminal attack on RTS building in downtown Belgrade, several adjacent buildings were damaged, most of them residential. The damaged buildings include the Children and Youth

Centre in Takovska Street and Youth theatre "Dusko Radovic" in Aberdareva Street, situated in the immediate vicinity of the RTS building.

(3) The warplanes of the criminal NATO Alliance last night damaged a railway bridge on the Sava river near Ostruznica, south-west of Belgrade. Aggressor planes already attacked and damaged the bridge

on 21 April 1999.

(4) Aggressor planes of the monstrous NATO alliance this morning hit electric power transmitters in Belgrade settlements of Resnik and Zemun Polje. Electrical power transmitters have been damaged, leaving Belgrade suburbs Zemun Polje, Resnik, Batajnica, Mirijevo, Rakovica, Vidikovac, parts of Zvezdara and Dorcol, Grocka, Bolec, Vinca and other villages at the foot of Mt Avala, without electricity.

(5) Murderous NATO airplanes this morning hit and damaged RTV transmitter in Krnjaca.

## NOVI SAD

Notorious NATO alliance yesterday again targeted Zvezlj bridge, the last remaining link of the capital Vojvodina with the Srem bank of the Danube river. The bridge was not completely destroyed. However, drive lanes were again damaged as well as a part of the arch on the Petrovaradin side. The missile struck the bridge at the time when workers were trying to repair the damage from previous criminal attempts to destroy in order to make it at least passable for pedestrians and reestablish normal water supplies to 40 000 residents of Petrovaradin, Sremska Kamenica and other towns on the Srem bank of the Danube.

## UZICE

Criminal NATO aggressor planes last night attacked Uzice. One missile struck the building of the Post Office which is in the centre of the town, between the medical centre, national theatre and residential blocks.

Due to the damage caused on the Post Office, a great number of residents of Uzice were left without telephone links. In addition to the Post Office building, residential blocks, business and many other commercial facilities were damaged.

## KOPAONIK

NATO airplanes last night targeted RTV transmitter on Gobelja as well as a railway bridge in the Ibar gorge, near Bogutovac.

## C A C A K

NATO aggressor last night hit with one missile the RTV transmitter on Ovcar, near Cacak. RTS broadcasting has been discontinued since. For the first time this transmitter was targeted for the first time on 15 April.

## C R N I V R H

Criminal NATO planes hit again the TV transmitter on Crni Vrh near Jagodina. This TV transmitter has been previously already damaged on 6 and 9 April.

## K R U S E V A C

In the previous nights' attack of aggressor planes against Krusevac, a bridge over the Rasina river was totally destroyed. The powerful blast caused damage to residential houses in the nearby village of Bivolje.

## K R A L J E V O

Criminal NATO airplanes last night attacked and damaged the bridge on Kraljevo-Raska railway.

## V R A N J E

Yesterday afternoon, criminal NATO neo-fascist airplanes bombed Vranje with 40 missiles of high destructive force. South and South-Western outskirts of Vranje were exposed to severe bombing. Luckily there were no casualties or wounded, except for extensive material damage which has been inflicted.

## P R I S T I N A

Criminal NATO airplanes in so far the fiercest daily bombing s of civilian targets in the neighbourhood of Pristina,

fired more than 50 missiles. In barbaric attacks aggressor airplanes dropped their deadly loads in different parts of the capital of Kosovo and Metohija. They targeted Grmija outing site, southeast of Pristina, as well as the area of Sofalija, with predominantly Albanian population. Criminal NATO airplanes again targeted civilian airport

"Slatina", wider region of "Goles" and Albanian settlements Pomazati and Belacevac. Hostile missiles fell in the region of Ajvalija village, south of Pristina, with predominant Albanian population. For the first time since the beginning of the NATO aggression against the FR of Yugoslavia, one missile fell on the outskirts of the Laplje village, with exclusively Serb population. According to preliminary information, there were no casualties or wounded, but it is certain that NATO armada caused extensive material damage exclusively on civilian facilities.

## **O V E R V I E W**

### **OF THE CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION ON THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A RESULT OF NATO BARBARIAN AND CRIMINAL AGGRESSION 23 - 24 April 1999**

During the last two days the neo-fascist strategists of the criminal NATO Alliance showed their true colours - the one of a monster who stops at nothing to commit the most brutal crimes in the pursuit of its sombre and criminal plans conceived in the sick and retarded minds.

On Thursday morning, criminal NATO missiles hit the residence of President of the FR of Yugoslavia Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade. His residence was located in the residential area surrounded by other private houses and housing complexes. It is quite clear that those buildings are not military facilities, let alone "a military command headquarters" how the monstrous strategists of notorious NATO Alliance claimed trying unconvincingly to justify this criminal act. The residence was struck by three laser missiles and one of them exploded in the bedroom. Fortunately, at the time of the attack, the President of the Republic and his family were not in the house which was rased to the ground.

This loathsome crime of the hostile aircraft of monstrous NATO Alliance committed against the residence of the President of the FR of Yugoslavia is an assassination attempt on the head of State of asovereign country - a symbol of freedom of our people and independence of our State, and it represents a precedent in international relations. By its nature this act can be qualified as an organized criminal and terrorist act which must be strongly condemned by entire civilized, freedom-loving world.

The criminal attack of the armada of notorious NATO Alliance on the building of Radio and Television of Serbia, at the time when 150 people were working inside, represents a desperate step directed to suppress the freedom of thought, which is so vigorously advocated by the same NATO strategists - the leaders of the "democratic West". It is also an attempt to kill the truth about their criminal role played on the soil of the Balkans, they are so afraid to be revealed, although it has become so obvious to each and everyone.

The criminal missiles hit the very heart of the Television – a part of the RTS building where main broadcasting facilities have been located including the offices for journalists and technical staff. In its brutal attempt to silence the TV of Serbia by lethal missiles, NATO tried, according to its plans, to open widely the door to its own propaganda and to continue unhampered, in the created information black-out and far from the international public, its criminal orgies and killings in the bloody stained Balkan drama which NATO provoked by itself.

There is no doubt that strategists of the criminal NATO Alliance were irritated by the news broadcasted by the RTS which was giving a true picture about the aggression of this most powerful military armada in the world against a small, sovereign and peace-loving country. They did not want that the public all around the world be informed about the monstrous attacks on civilian convoys and international passenger trains. They did not want that the truth be heard that their lethal missiles fell in the immediate vicinity of maternity hospitals, that they destroyed bridges, schools and hospitals, that an entire small mining town in which there was no military facility was rased to the ground. ...

## **B E L G R A D E**

During the monstrous strikes of the criminal NATO aircraft against the building of Radio and TV of Serbia,

several other buildings in its immediate vicinity were also damaged.

Children theatre "Dusko Radovic" is almost completely destroyed. The church of "St Marc" was hit by great number of big metal fragments of bombs, as well as by the fragments of concrete construction and bricks spread out in the explosions.

The Russian Trinity Church located in the Tasmajdan park was also severely damaged.

According to the reports of the Institute for the Protection of the Cultural Monuments of Belgrade, most severely damaged is the horizontal naos bar which connects two pallors at the western part of the church. Series of cracks are visible along the whole bar. There are many cracks at the ceiling and bars supporting the roof. The painted moltar fell down from some parts of the "sky". At the eastern side of the church all window panes were broken and the window at the altar niche was pulled out. The Russian Trinity Church attached to the Church of the Moscow Patriarchate was built in 1924 in a traditional Russian style of a cluster of small churches according to the plan of architect of Russian origin Stashewski. This is the only Russian church built in our country during the difficult years after World War I and October Revolution when more than 50 000 people emigrated from Russia into Serbia.

The Trinity Church is protected as a cultural monument within the "The Old Belgrade" project and it is located next to the other well-known cultural monument -the "St Marc" Church.

## NOVI SAD

During the last night strike against the downtown of Novi Sad, the NATO warplanes fired several missiles on the oil refinery in the north-eastern part of the town.

Eight missiles were fired on the town's housing complex, and some fell on the oil refinery inflicting a blaze.

## N I S

NATO criminals targeted only civilian facilities during its last night attack on Nis. NATO fascists attacked the very centre of the town. Busin ess centre of the Belgrade company "SO Produkt" was destroyed and great

number of private house were severely damaged.

Greatly damaged was also the company "Velefarm", one of the biggest Nis suppliers of medicines and medical supplies, whose car pool was also destroyed. Machine Industry -Nis and Secondary Machine Engineering School were also significantly damaged. The water and electricity supply in this part of the town was cut down due to the damages inflicted on the water pipes and power transmission systems.

One person was injured during this criminal attack of NATO aggressors.

The villages around Nis were also bombed. The greatest damages sustained the villages of Popovac and Cokot. The criminals targeted also the marshalling yard in the village of Popovac which was severely damaged.

## K R U S E V A C

Continuing its attacks against civilian facilities in this town, the criminal NATO Alliance damaged the bridge on the Rasina river the night before.

The houses and buildings in the vicinity were damaged, the windows were broken, and tiles from the roofs fell down from many houses in this part of the town due to the explosions caused by the missiles of the criminal NATO warplanes.

## K R A L J E V O

Last night the warplanes of NATO criminal Alliance attacked the broader area of Kraljevo. Two missiles hit the fuel storage in Bogutovac which has been targeted for several times by NATO aggressors thus far.

There are no news about the casualties or injured persons. There is a slide on the Kraljevo-Raska road caused by strong detonations.

## V R A N J E

Seventeen old boy Dalibor Tasic, from the village of Soderci, near Vranje, was killed during the barbarian attack of the criminal NATO aviation the other day at the outskirts of Vranje when 40 missiles of enormous destructive power were dropped.

## P R I S T I N A

Notorious NATO warplanes targeted only civilian facilities during its criminal attack against Pristina and its outskirts last night.

The target of the criminal aggressors was again the Pristina outings "Grmija", civilian airport Slatina and radio and TV transmitter with adjacent facilities at the Mount Goles.

Several missiles fell in the area of the village of Ajvalija as well as in the housing complexes of Pomazatin and Belacevac whose residents are ethnic Albanians.



## **O V E R V I E W**

### **OF CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BARBARIAN AND CRIMINAL AGGRESSION OF NATO PACT (24-25 APRIL 1999)**

Exactly a month has passed since the beginning of the criminal aggression of NATO against our country, the aggression that has been stepped up by the day, particularly with the approach of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the criminal military organization, while the criminal armada of NATO aggressor started to increasingly target exclusively civilian facilities - houses, schools, trains, hospitals, media, bridges ...

Neo-fascist aggressor from Washington has revealed, in the past three days in particular, a notorious fact even to political ignorants, to which our leaders have been pointing for months – the aim of monstrous pressures and barbaric aggression on the FR of Yugoslavia is the country's sovereignty and integrity, whereas Kosmet, Albanians, human rights and all other things have been used as a means and pretext for manipulations in the past period, and represents a criminal front with a view to taking total control over our territory.

The attack on three exclusively civilian targets in Belgrade ("Usce" business centre, residence of the President of Yugoslavia and the building of Radio and Television of Serbia), which all represent the symbols of the state of the Yugoslavia, eliminate all possible speculation on the nature and motives of insane steps of frustrated creators of the "new world order", pointing to the impotent outrage of criminals stuck in the Balkan muddle, who became ready to do even things that the most notorious criminals in the world would think twice before doing.

In the ongoing race between crimes and lies, which is the basic characteristic of sending murderous missiles against our country, aggressor's media logistics tried to justify this selection of goals in each concrete case, by linking them with alleged military goals. On the other hand, even political ignorants are fully aware that the goal of several dozen missiles which killed many persons and caused extensive material damage was to create an impression at the Washington summit that in the wake of three destroyed buildings the FRY has been begun to politically crumble.

At the table of criminal NATO aggressors celebrating the anniversary they are making a list of crimes which should provide justification for a month-long bloody raging of 800 planes and thousand of soldiers, in order to convince the western public that there are some results after all.

However, deadly blasts from Usce, Uzicka and Takovska Streets, are heard all over the world including Washington and wipe the smiles off the faces of many officials arrived to commemorate "anniversary"

of the erstwhile defensive military alliance, which the Clinton Administration is trying to transform into a ruthless and treacherous world policeman who has focused on a small and peace-loving country to "verify" its new role and "prove" its power, aware that the truth about their crimes will slowly but surely be revealed and that the time will come to settle the score.

## **A V A L A**

Aggressor missiles this morning hit electrical power supply station on Mt. Avala, at the foot of the tower, in the vicinity of "Panorama" restaurant.

Electrical power supply has been discontinued in the wake of this attack.

## N I S

Criminal NATO planes the night before fired four missiles on industrial part of Nis. Powerful blasts caused extensive material damage, while glasses broke on some of downtown buildings.

## L U C A N I

In yesterday's attack of NATO planes, the aggressor again targeted chemical industry "Milan Blagojevic" in Lucani, firing five missiles within few minutes.

This is the fourth attack on the largest factory in Lucane, which before the onset of genocidal aggression of neo-fascist NATO alliance against our peace-loving country, provided jobs to 3,000 workers.

## G U C E V O

In the attack of planes by NATO aggressors, this morning and last night, on the area of Mt. Gucevo, a dozen kilometres south-eastern from Loznica, one person was wounded.

In the criminal attack on the Ski resort on Mt. Gucevo, where expelled Serbs from Croatia have been accommodated, the head of the resort Velicko Lukic, was wounded.

According to preliminary information no one was wounded and refugees will be evacuated.

In the attacks of NATO criminals this resort sustained severe damage.

Before the attack on the area of Ski resort, NATO criminals attacked twice TV transmitter on Mt. Gucevo, which was destroyed in the beginning of April.

There are no military facilities on Mt. Gucevo. The mountain is a symbol of the freedom of the Serb people. There is a memorial complex commemorating the First World War where Serb and Austro-Hungarian soldiers were buried together, killed in several months' long battles on Gucevo in autumn of 1914.

## N O V I P A Z A R

(1) In the attacks of criminal NATO airplanes on Novi Pazar, yesterday morning many civilian facilities were damaged in the town itself, used by the Red Cross and other humanitarian and health organizations. During this criminal attack, extensive material damage was caused on the building used as soup kitchen by the Red Cross. Also

severely damaged are elementary school "Bratstvo", Centre for Social Work, Refugee Centre, civilian protection facilities, fire brigade building and "Polet" bakery.

The Medical centre for dystrophy, one of the largest in Europe, in the spa of Novi Pazar, was also heavily damaged.

These attacks endangered Djurdjevi Stupovi and St. Peter's Church in Novi Pazar, since the missiles fell close to these monuments of culture, protected by UNESCO.

(2) In yesterday's attack, criminal NATO alliance dropped its deadly load on the museum building where many exhibits and historical documents are being kept, testament of the struggle of the people of Novi Pazar for freedom in the Second World War.

This building has been treated as an important cultural-historical monuments and has been spared destruction in the

previous wars by the Austro-Hungarian army in 1815, as well as German army in 1941. The building is located in the very centre of Novi Pazar.

In the attack of enemy planes, the Monument to Rifat Burdzevic-Trsa was also destroyed. He was a people's deputy and a freedom fighter in the war against a Fascist occupier in 1941-1945.

## DOGANOVIC

Yesterday, in the village of Doganovic, 15 km south from Urosevac, five boys were killed and 6 wounded, including 2 severely, from the explosion of a cluster bomb dropped by NATO planes. Edon (3), Fisnik (9), Osman (13), Burim (14) and Vajdet (15)

Kodza were killed. Two seriously wounded boys are taken to the Pristina clinical centre and have undergone surgery. Four more children sustained light shrapnel injuries. They have been treated in the village.

Children were attending to the cattle when a cluster bomb dropped from the plane exploded. Their parents assume that the children found the bomb and tried to open it.

In addition to several pools of blood, found on the scene was the bomb's yellow cover, with NATO signs as well as shrapnel.

## PRISTINA

The barbarians of Western Alliance yesterday flew over and fired 50 missiles over the capital of the Serb southern province for six hours.

NATO aggressors attacked Grmija outing space, village Sofalija, southeastern from Pristina, settlements Pomazatin and Belacevac with exclusively Albanian population, civilian airport Slatina and wider region of Gole.

All day bombing of these places with exclusively Albanian population, for the fourth day in a row, proves that Western alliance does not like at all the fact that most Albanians are in the past few days returning to their homes, which they left a month ago because of NATO bombs.

**OVERVIEW OF CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF  
YUGOSLAVIA  
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BARBARIC AND CRIMINAL NATO AGGRESSION (26 APRIL  
1999)**

All three days of the summit of NATO, commemorating its 50th anniversary and determining its global totalitarian concept for the 21st century, its "celestial four horsemen of Apocalypse" have spent "working" – by ruthlessly and systematically destroying, without exception, civilian targets. Criminal determination with which they systematically destroyed "Zezelj" bridge in Novi Sad, speaks of a pathological strategy NATO that all that has been linked in this country by human or material ties, making a whole, should be disunited by force and fragmented and make the component parts of the whole unbearable for life of ordinary people. It also covers the breaking up of all ties of our country with abroad.

One of the "principles" of NATO for the 21st century surely relates to putting limits on information and knowledge and uniformity on all issues that NATO "decides". It is still not known for sure what is the number of victims killed in the RTS building which defied that "principle". It is, however, known, that NATO "arguments" against such defiance are ruthless and cold-blooded planned destruction of anyone who dares to be disobedient - from now on.

Killing by missiles and bombs - children, women, the elderly – while cruelly and cynically justifying these acts - NATO criminals call them "collateral damage". However, the destruction of civilian material assets, pollution of soil, water, air and genocidal acts against our people these criminals call "legitimate military goals".

**NOVI SAD**

Aggressor planes destroyed Zezelj bridge some time after 1.15 a.m., hitting it with several missiles in a row leaving Novi Sad without its last bridge which linked it with the Srem bank of the Danube.

In the past two weeks of the aggression, Zezelj's bridge was bombed four times, including the attack of last night and 15 missiles were fired on it. During past several days, although heavily damaged, the bridge was used by pedestrians to cross from Novi Sad to Petrovaradin.

Zezelj's bridge, 466 metres long was being built from 1957-1961 and was officially opened for traffic on the anniversary of the liberation of Novi Sad - 23 October. Branko Zezelj was its architect and the works were carried out by "Mostogradnja". International railway was crossing over the bridge, linking Belgrade with

Budapest and further with Europe. According to expert opinions, Zezelj's bridge was considered an

architectural masterpiece and a solid bridge whose major construction was made of reinforced concrete.

So far there is no information whether the aggressor attacked any other target in the capital of Vojvodina, in whose north-eastern part several powerful blasts were heard.

## BELGRADE

From the ruins of RTS building, which was destroyed in a barbaric NATO attack on 23 April, so far the bodies of 6 workers were pulled out. At the time of the perfidious attack, all six persons were engaged in broadcasting the programme. Unfortunately, this tragic outcome is not final, because the fate of another ten employees also working at the time of the bombing raid, is still uncertain.

Among those killed are: Milovan Jankovic (1940) mechanic, Jelica Munitlak (1971) make-up artist, Dragan Tasic (1968) technician, Dejan Markovic (1959) security, Slobodan Jontic (1945) set decorator and Milan Joksimovic (1952) security officer.

VJ experts, police and civilian defence continue to work through the debris of the RTS building. Out of 18 wounded workers of the RTS, four are kept in the hospital and are not in a life-threatening situation.

## PRISTINA

NATO airplanes fired 8 missiles on areas to the south-west and north-east of Pristina. Shortly before midnight, NATO aggressors hit with six missiles civilian airport Slatina, to the south-west of Pristina.

Two hostile missiles fired at 2.18 a.m. fell on the area of Pristina outing space of Grmija, to the north-east of the capital of the Serb southern province.

In the explosion of two days ago, of NATO missiles which fell at 3.00 p.m. in the village of Velika Dobranja, in the municipality of Lipljan, a six-year old Arta Lugic was killed, while her brothers - eight-year only Egzon and Neron and a seven-year old sister Arijeta Lugic, were severely wounded.

Wounded children are placed in Surgical ward of a Pristina hospital. Egzon and Neron underwent surgery. Arijeta's condition is closely monitored and will probably have to be operated too.

Light injuries were sustained by Gentijana and Arif Lugic who are currently at home.

The children's father, Sacir Lugic, waiting for the information on the health condition of his wounded children, said:

" We were at our home in the centre of the village, the children were playing in the yard when we heard a powerful blast. We did not know if it was NATO plane that fell down or a bomb. Children are not guilty at all", he said.

## VALJEVO

Aggressor NATO planes last night attacked at 1.41 a.m. the area of village Pricevic, some 20 km south-west of Valjevo. According to preliminary information, the target of the attack was "Jugopetrol" warehouse which was attacked on 17 April last time.

This is the eighth attack on village Pricevic since the beginning of the aggression by NATO forces on 24 March. In the past attack on that area some 20 missiles have been fired.

## CACAK

From the Crisis Headquarters in Lucane, it was confirmed that in the attack of last night, the fourth one, 12 missiles were fired on factory "Milan Blagojevic" and 18 farms have been demolished.

Great civilian damage was inflicted in the town of Lucani and villages Lucani and Lisice.

## N I S

NATO last night fired 16 high destructive power missiles. Great material damaged was caused to the town and population. The consequences of destruction are particularly high in one of the oldest quarter of Nis,

Jagodin mala and centre of the town.

Many private homes were damaged, some of which have been made inhabitable. the residents of Cegarska, Skadarska and the street of Ratko Pavlovic were affected most. Students' home and "Nicauto" enterprise were affected most.

## K U R S U M L I J A

NATO criminals did not even spare the Serb holy places when they bombed bridges in the Kursumlija outskirts of Kastrat.

Powerful blasts of criminal missiles damaged medieval monasteries of Holy Mother and St. Nicholas, one of the first memorial churches of the Serb prince Stefan Nemanja, in today's Kursumlija and the then Bele Crkve, one of the first capitals. Monastery of St. Nicholas was the seat of Episcopy of Toplica.

During NATO bombing of production line of metal industry "Metalac", which manufactures mostly agricultural machines, also damaged were the temple of the Holy Trinity in the immediate vicinity of that enterprise, as well as a parochial home. In the wake of powerful blasts glasses and windows broke.

## H E R C E G    N O V I

Yesterday afternoon at 4.44 p.m. a powerful detonation disturbed the residents of Boka Kotorska. Official information are not in yet, but since the powerful blast was heard first and then the sound of a leaving plane,

it is assumed that the plane broke the sound barrier.

The powerful detonation was heard by the residents of Herceg Novi, Kotor and Tivat.

The same provocation was made by an aggressor plane on Thursday.

## I N D J I J A

Yesterday at 2.42 p.m. in the region of eastern Srem, in the area of Slankamen, a powerful detonation from an aggressor missile was heard. The glasses on the near-by civilian facilities broke.

## S O M B O R

Several powerful blasts were heard last night around 1.30 a.m. to the south-west of Sombor.

## **SPECIAL ISSUE**

### **REVIEW OF CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BARBARIC AND CRIMINAL AGGRESSION OF NATO PACT (27 APRIL 1999)**

It is known that NATO aggressor's plan has been prepared for a long time (US President made a slip of the tongue at the NATO summit saying that they are not going to stop something that has been prepared for five years).

Hence this long-standing, systematic, cold-blooded destruction of all that has been envisaged by this plan, with or without explanations, with this or that explanation - is totally irrelevant. ...

#### **KURSUMLIJA**

In the attacks of NATO air planes on villages Kastrat and Visoka, in the municipality of Kursumlija, when two cement bridges were destroyed on the main Kursumlija-Podujevo road and a railway bridge on the Kursumlija-Kosovo Polje road, murderous NATO missiles also damaged village water supply system. The houses in these villages and suburban area Kastrat remained without water.

The consequences of destroying one of the poorest municipalities in the Republic of Serbia by NATO aggressor are more serious than anticipated at first. Only in one day, NATO aggressor destroyed two bridges (Kastrat and Visoka) on the stretch of Toplica main road from Kursumlija to Podujevo, and a railway bridge in suburban area Kastrat on the Kursumlija-Kosovo Polje road, which has been destroyed in several places, disrupting the traffic in that part. Bomb loads - according to the official information which are not final - have killed 17 residents of Toplica, including an 11-month old baby and her father. In ruthless NATO attacks 37 persons were wounded. These are exclusively civilians, who are receiving medical treatment in Kursumlija and Prokuplje.

The criminals totally destroyed some 20 family homes, while more than 500 have been damaged.

Extensive material damage NATO criminals inflicted on the economy of Kursumlija which is not related to military industry. The greatest losses were caused to enterprises "Kopaonik" and "Metalac".

#### **LOZNICA**

Saving of refugees from the mountain lodge on Gucevo near Loznica, was effected successfully, despite incessant military activities of NATO planes. During several-hours' long criminal activities of NATO coming from the air space of Bosnia and Herzegovina over Saturday and Sunday, the area of Mt. Gucevo, around a dozen kilometres south-west of Loznica, were hit by 22 "air-to-land" missiles.

On that occasion, in addition to RTV relay station which was already hit, the mountain lodge on Mt. Gucevo was already targeted. Refugees, mostly Serbs from Croatia, have been accommodated there.

According to the information of the crisis headquarters, in the area of Loznica there are currently 16,824 refugees, most of whom have been accommodated with the families in the Loznica municipality.

With 22 deadly missiles, NATO aggressors on Saturday and Sunday hit the mountain area of Gucevo, trying to present it as a "successful action against a RTV transmitter". That transmitter on Mt. Gucevo was previously hit with two missiles, on 27 March and 5 April. The ruin was now

attacked with eight missiles.

The remaining 14 missiles used in several-hours' long attack on Gucevo were obviously used to kill the Serbs from Croatia, accommodated in the mountain lodge.

## N I S

In the latest criminal attack of the planes of Western alliance on Nis, houses in residential areas in north-eastern parts of the town were hit - in Jagodin mala settlement, built back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Great damage was caused on the pupils' home of secondary school in Kosovka devojka street, known as an English home, built in 1925-26, with the funds of Leila Padget, the wife of an English consul in Belgrade, in the period since 1912-14.

## B E L G R A D E

NATO aggressor planes last night at 1.06 a.m. again attacked the building "Usce" in the narrow centre of Belgrade. With two missiles, the aggressor hit the top part of the building of the business centre. The missiles destroyed the roof construction where aerials of local radio and TV stations were mounted. In the wake of powerful blasts the glass on near-by residential building broke.

A huge cloud of dust hovered over the business centre "Usce". Hostile NATO alliance bombed this building for the first time on 21 April at 3.15 a.m.

This 24-floor building is in the Park of Friendship, in the centre of Novi Beograd. Residential blocks and a Museum of Contemporary Art are in its vicinity.

## V A L J E V O

Aggressor NATO planes last night around 1.40 a.m. attacked with 8 air-to-land missiles a civilian target - "Jugopetrol" warehouse in the region of Pricevic village. Many residential and business facilities were damaged. More than 30 residential and business facilities in this village can no longer be used.

## K R A L J E V O

Hostile NATO air planes, shortly after midnight, attacked a wider region of the village of Ladjevac, some 20 km west of Kraljevo. From the direction of the village of Ladjevac a dozen of powerful blasts were heard.

## U Z I C E

A wider region of Uzice was targeted by NATO aggressor last night. Some time after midnight, three powerful blasts were heard in the area of Cigota on Mt. Zlatibor.



## KOSOVS KAMITROVICA

Last night at 10.05 p.m., village of Grabovac, municipality of Zvecan, was attacked with one missile. At 11.35 p.m hostile planes fired a missile in the village of Ugljare, municipality of Zubin Potok, in the immediate vicinity of furniture factory "Simpo". Extensive material damage was caused. Hostile planes also hit village Cibukovina, municipality of Zvecan, at 3.30 p.m.

## BACKA PALANKA

Aggressor NATO planes hit with one missile, last night around 1.15 a.m., bridge "25. maj" linking Backa Palanka with Ilok. The bridge was not hit directly and no major damage was caused.

## SOMBOR

In last night attack of criminal NATO planes on Sombor, 15 minutes before midnight, aggressor attacked civilian business facilities. For the sixth time since the beginning, NATO planes hit with six missiles already destroyed facilities of military-civilian air-port on the road Sombor-Apatin. "Majevisa" farm in the vicinity of village Backi Monostor was hit with a single missile. This exclusively civilian business facility sustained material damage.

## NOVISAD

Around 11.45 p.m. a powerful explosion was heard in a wider area of the town, most probably from Fruska Gora, where TV transmitter has already been hit several times before.

## **OVERVIEW OF CIVILIAN DESTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY OF THE FR OF YUGOSLAVIA AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BARBARIC AND CRIMINAL NATO AGGRESSION (27-28 APRIL 1999)**

Yesterday was the Constitution Day of the FR of Yugoslavia - its seventh anniversary. Since the early morning hours until this morning criminal NATO machinery in blood and new destruction made its contribution to this anniversary. According to the tragic consequences, NATO planners have decided to take Surdulica and its population as a symbol of their destructive attitude towards our country.

The lists of the dead, wounded and missing civilians, as well as the lists of destroyed and material assets that cannot be used are expanding by the day. NATO "phases" of criminal and bestial aggression have already been mixed up since the planners of death and destruction almost feel no need at all to explain whether these are "legitimate" goals or "collateral damage". As for the consequences, they consider that they will be discussed "when the time comes" and that those who would be forced to do so, will consider them.

### **BELGRADE**

Some time after 1.00 a.m. aircraft of enemy NATO alliance last night massively bombed a wider area of Belgrade. The planes of criminal NATO alliance bombed targets in the region of Topcider. Seven explosions were heard from the direction of Topcider, Kosutnjak and Resnik. TV station "Palma" has lost its signal for a while.

From the rubble of perfidiously attacked building of RTS in Aberdareva street, the body of Nebojsa Stojanovic, born 1972, was taken out. He was an electrician, employed in the studio technical department.

The tragic list is not final yet, since the fate of seven other RTS employees is still not known. It is certain that at the time of the attack they were on their working places.

Out of 18 wounded persons, four are still in the hospital. From the bombing of Novi Beograd the night before, the building of the Museum of Contemporary Art was seriously damaged. The museum is close to "Usce" business centre. Almost all glasses on the museum are broken in view of the fact that almost the entire building is made of glass. Outstanding works of art are practically in the open since for technical reasons they could not be evacuated.

Larger-than-life sculptures have been left in the open including those by Ivan Mestrovic, Toma Rosandic, Petar Palavicini, Sreten Stojanovic and others, ranking among the best in the history of art.

In the Belgrade Museum of Contemporary Art many crucial works of modern art are being kept, as well as the works of art from former Yugoslav republics.

### **SURDULICA**

In yesterday's attack of the criminal NATO aircraft on Surdulica, when at 12.00 (noon) four missiles hit the town, 10 civilians killed. In this horrible attack children were also killed. A great number of citizens were slightly or severely wounded. Twenty of them are recovering in a hospital in Surdulica.

It is feared that other victims may be buried in the rubble. One missile totally destroyed two houses in the vicinity of elementary school "Jovan Jovanovic Zmaj" where in addition to victims and wounded, extensive material damage was caused on private houses. Other missile

destroyed two private residential buildings in the settlement of Kalifer in Surdulica, killing or severely and lightly wounding a number of civilians.

## LESKOVAC

NATO aircraft yesterday hit with high destruction power missiles the village of Mala Bistrica on the bank of the South Morava River, some 20 km south of Leskovac. One private home was razed to the ground, while powerful blasts damaged another dozen of homes. One person was severely wounded.

The total number of casualties from the international train No. 393 running between Belgrade, Skopje and Thessaloniki, which was struck by NATO missiles on 12 April 1999, is not known yet. What is certain is that a number of victims have been blown to bits in the blast. Some have charred in the burned railway carriages and others have drifted downstream the Juzna Morava river.

Seventeen passengers were killed in the train and at least as many as that number have gone missing.

## VRANJE

NATO aggressors' aircraft targeted the city of Vranje and its environ for the eight time yesterday, at 10.45 a.m. Two highly destructive missiles hit the northwestern, mountainous part overlooking the city.

In order to inflict loss of life and cause fear and anxiety among the population of the Pcinj district, the NATO criminal airforce, in addition to frequent brutal bombings, began throwing leaflets and dropping booby-trap mines. The booby traps had the shape of pencils, lighters, small boxes catching the eye such as Coca Cola tins which explode as soon as they are touched or opened killing the persons who have come into contact with them.

## KRALJEVO AND NOVI PAZAR

In the air attack against the area around Kraljevo last night, NATO aggressors struck the wider area of Ladjevci village, twenty kilometres west of Kraljevo, by 12 missiles. There were no casualties in the attack. However, more than 40 homes sustained damaged.

The aggressors also targeted Novi Pazar last night. They hit Izbice village, where considerable damage was done to more than 30 family homes.

## KURSUMLIJA

Yesterday, NATO aggressors' fighters targeted, for the fourteenth time since the start of the attack against our country, civilian facilities in the Kursumlija area. NATO launched three missiles against the bridge on the Kursumlija-Podujevo primary road in Visoka village. The aggressors' bombers already targeted the bridge on three previous occasions - on 13, 18 and 19 April. The bridge was destroyed in these attacks.

During the most recent attack, new damage was caused to neighbouring residential homes.

## P O Z E G A

Last night, at 1.45 a.m. NATO criminal aircraft fired several missiles on the area around Pozega. The "Jugopetrol" company warehouse, on the outskirts of the town, was targeted.

## P R I S T I N A

Between 1.30 and 4.24 a.m. last night, NATO aircraft launched 25 missiles, in a few waves of strikes, against the Pristina environ. The aggressors targeted the wider area of the municipality of Lipljan and the area of Goles in the same municipality as well as the villages of Pomazatin and Belacevac in the municipality of Obilic and the village of Ajvalija, six kilometres northeast of Pristina - which are all with the majority Albanian population - and the Slatina airport.

The aggressors fired several missiles yesterday morning at 4.45 a.m. at the areas of Decani and Pec as well. At 8.15 a.m., three cluster bombs hit around the Agricultural School on the outskirts of Pristina.

Yesterday, at 8.00 a.m., four strong explosions shook Pristina. Two missiles exploded in the industrial zone in southwestern part of the city and two of them exploded northeastern of Pristina.

The NATO aggressor hit yesterday at 8.00 a.m. and damaged the bridge over the Lab river, between the villages of Milosevo and Babin Most on the Pristina-Kosovska Mitrovica road, some ten kilometres northwest of Pristina.

A number of cluster bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the villages on the slopes of Mt. Cicavica.

The NATO aggressors' aircraft in their yesterday's attack which lasted from 1.50 p.m. to 2.20 p.m., launched a number of missiles against the area of the village of Dobri Dub in the municipality of Kosovo Polje, which is almost entirely inhabited by the Albanian ethnic community.

## L I P L J A N

NATO aggressors' fighters bombed the wider area of the municipality of Lipljan in Kosmet a little before 5.00 p.m. yesterday. Three missiles struck Mt. Goles, which has been the target of NATO criminals almost on a daily basis ever since NATO began its aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 24 April.

## K O S O V S K A   M I T R O V I C A

The NATO criminal airforce targeted the TV mast on MT. Mokra Gora, hitting it by one missile at 1.35 a.m. this morning. Three hours later, the aggressor fired another missile on the neighbourhood of Bair near Kosovska Mitrovica. Enormous material damage was caused.

## B A C K A   P A L A N K A

Last night, NATO criminal aircraft targeted the wider area of Backa Palanka for the third time since the outset of the aggression against our country. Their target at 1.15 a.m. was the "25. Maj" Bridge connecting Srem with Ilok on the Croatian side. The bridge was not destroyed but sustained severe damage and cannot be used for traffic. Enormous damage was done to surrounding buildings.

## PODGORICA

A number of strong explosions were heard last night, a little after 6.00 p.m., in the vicinity of Podgorica. NATO aircraft targeted the area of Sipcanik and the place called "Kuce Rakica".

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...By this senseless and contradicting positions, NATO is trying to justify all the killings and suffering of innocent population thus far, as it did yesterday on the occasion of the latest atrocity of at least 20 people, mostly women and children, from the town of Surdulica. The official NATO statement on this incident reveals in the best way the true nature of its notorious propaganda machine. It says that yesterday NATO aircraft made a successful attack on a military barracks in Surdulica in the southern part of Yugoslavia. All claims that NATO targeted civilians are unfounded according to this Alliance. NATO says that it does everything within its power to prevent the plight of civilians. But, unfortunately it cannot utterly exclude the possibility that civilians or their property be hit, underlines the NATO statement on the occasion of the killing of at least 20 people in the town of Surdulica, including seven children.

Even more cruel is the statement of a NATO Spokesman Jamie Shea that one small residential area of the town of Surdulica was bombed by mistake. He said that the attacked was allegedly made against a military facility, but the bomb fell a little bit further from its target, "some 200 or 300 meters" further from the target. The fact that housing complex was a little bit further from the original target is not of great relevance for this propagandist of criminal actions. He did not even mention the number of killed people, acting like a Nazi general Alexander Leer, accused for the bombing of Belgrade, who shortly stated in the court that he had only carried out the orders. In this same manner British Minister for Defence George Robertson expressed, on behalf of the British Government, the regret for possible civilian casualties caused by mistake bombing of the residential area in Surdulica.

It is not possible to completely eliminate all risks, he said. NATO officers justify their criminal acts as "technical mistakes", describing civilian casualties as "collateral damage". One laser guided bomb went astray and hit the residential complex, NATO officials say on the occasion of the latest atrocity.

By this latest crime, they have only confirmed that civilian targets and bombing of residential areas is de facto their main task since the onset of the aggression against the FR of Yugoslavia.

### **BELGRADE**

1. In the criminal attack of the NATO aggressor on Belgrade the night before, more than 20 buildings of the Clinical Hospital Centre "Dragisa Misovic" located in the capital's residential area, were damaged.

Most severely damaged was the Children Pulmonary Ward, the only hospital of that kind in the FR of Yugoslavia, which is now completely in non-operational condition. Infants and children up to 15 years of age were hospitalized in this Ward.

Severely damaged was also the building of the Maternity Hospital and Gynaecology Ward where all windows are broken and doors blown out of their frame. Infants, their mothers and pregnant women had to be evacuated. They are protected as much as it is possible in the newly created conditions.

The buildings of the Clinical Hospital Centre "Dragisa Misovic" is a memorial complex which the Serbian people built after World War One in memory and honour of Scottish nurses and doctors which came as volunteers in Serbia where they lost their lives during the performance of their duties.

2. The warplanes of NATO aggressors fired several missiles on greater Belgrade last night and

this morning. Criminal NATO aggressors targeted the old and new bridge in the village of Ostruznica and in the Belgrade suburb Krnjaca. One missile of the NATO aggressor exploded this morning in Zemun oil refinery in the area with no installation, in the Novi Sad highway direction.

## SMEDEREVO

Last night, criminal NATO warplanes struck for the third time against the storage of "Jugopetrol" in Smederevo.

There are no civilian casualties or the wounded. However, material damage inflicted on civilian structures is huge.

## NOVI SAD

1. Notorious NATO aircraft attacked yesterday again the oil refinery in Novi Sad.

This refinery which was struck by more than 30 missiles fired by the NATO aggressors since the beginning of the aggression on our country, was completely raised to the ground.

The target of criminal NATO warplanes was also the transmitter of the Radio and Television of Serbia on Irski venac, on mountain Fruska Gora.

2. The NATO criminals struck again tonight the oil refinery in Novi Sad. The refinery's facilities are in blaze and the broader area of Novi Sad is covered by the cloud of heavy smoke.

## POZEGA

1. The warplanes of criminal NATO Alliance targeted for the fourth time since the outbreak of the aggression on our country, the civilian structures in the vicinity of Pozega the night before. In the area of the village of Zdravcici, the storage building of "Jugopetrol" was hit. However, oil had been already taken out so that there were no fatal consequences. But, due to strong detonations, many buildings in the village of Zdravcici and in the neighbouring villages suffered great damage.

2. Last night the civilian structures in the village of Zdravcici near Pozega were targeted again by NATO aggressors who attacked again the storage of "Jugopetrol" in this village. The houses in its vicinity were severely damaged.

## RUMA

Last night NATO criminals attacked the broader area of the town of Ruma, in the direction towards Sremska Mitrovica, Jarak and Mali Radnici. NATO criminals attacked also the town of Ruma, causing a great material damage on civilian structures.

## PARACIN

For the third time since the beginning of its aggression against our country, the notorious NATO warplanes bombed Paracin. As in the nights on 16 and 19 April 1999, the north-western outskirts of this town was struck again - "Vikend zona" and the youth hostel complex "7 juli" in its immediate vicinity where refugees from Croatia and Bosnia and Hercegovina were accommodated.

Three air-to-ground missiles were fired causing by their strong detonation a great material damage to the weekend cottages and orchards.

## NOVI PAZAR

Last night NATO aircraft fired, within a ten minute interval, by four missiles, the northern suburb of Novi Pazar.

According to the preliminary information during this attack of the NATO aggressors several houses and industrial facilities were damaged, causing a significant material damage.

## PODGORICA

1. Yesterday, the criminal NATO aviation struck against several targets in the vicinity of Podgorica, Bar and Bijelo Polje. In this attack, Vladan Kojicic, 20 years of age, sustained injuries when he was hit by the fragment of the exploded bomb.

At least seven bombs of NATO aggressors fell on the broader area of Podgorica, in the area of the hills of Sipcanik and Sukuric, near the town of Tuzi.

During the yesterday attack of the Western military Alliance on the municipality of Bar, the hill Sutorman was severely bombed. Aggressors warplanes struck also against the village of Sjenicke bare, which was only 20 km away from the centre of the municipality of Bar.

During the second air-raid of the criminal NATO warplanes against the area in the vicinity of the town of Tuzi and Golubovac airport in the southern part of Podgorica, at least three bombs of highly destructive force were fired against the targets in the vicinity of the capital of Montenegro.

2. In Podgorica several strong detonations were heard in the outskirts of the city. According to the number and the strength of the explosions this was the most severe attack of the NATO criminals on the area of the capital of Montenegro since the beginning of the notorious aggression of the NATO Alliance on our country.