

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CONFLICT -

JUSTICE AND COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVORS

CASE: SERBIA

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Law on Civilian Invalids of War (1996)

“Civilian invalid of war is a person who has suffered physical damage of at least 50% due to a wound, injury or lesion that left visible traces occurred from the abuse or imprisonment by the enemy during the war, performing war operations, from remaining war materials on enemy’s sabotages or terrorist actions”.


***Basic Principles and
Guidelines on the
Right to a Remedy
and Reparation for
Victims of Gross
Violations of
International Human
Rights Law and
Serious Violations of
International
Humanitarian Law
(UN, 2006)***

- Proscribed types of compensation –
 - restitution
 - rehabilitation
 - reparation
 - various forms of gratification (public apologies, commemorations, establishing facts, speaking out the truth etc.)
 - non – repetition guarantees

For the victims of sexual violence in war, the Republic of Serbia has not provided **any** of the mentioned compensations.

***Office of the
war crimes
Prosecutor
(RS, 2003)***

- Up until today there were ***only two prosecutions*** for sexual violence in war (in the 'Lekaj' and 'Bijeljina' cases), out of a total of six cases in which the accused were for these crimes as well (66 prosecutions in total).


 - Bijeljina II
 - Skočić
 - Lovas
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We remember...

Women in Black (1991) – feminist anti-war group from Belgrade, Serbia

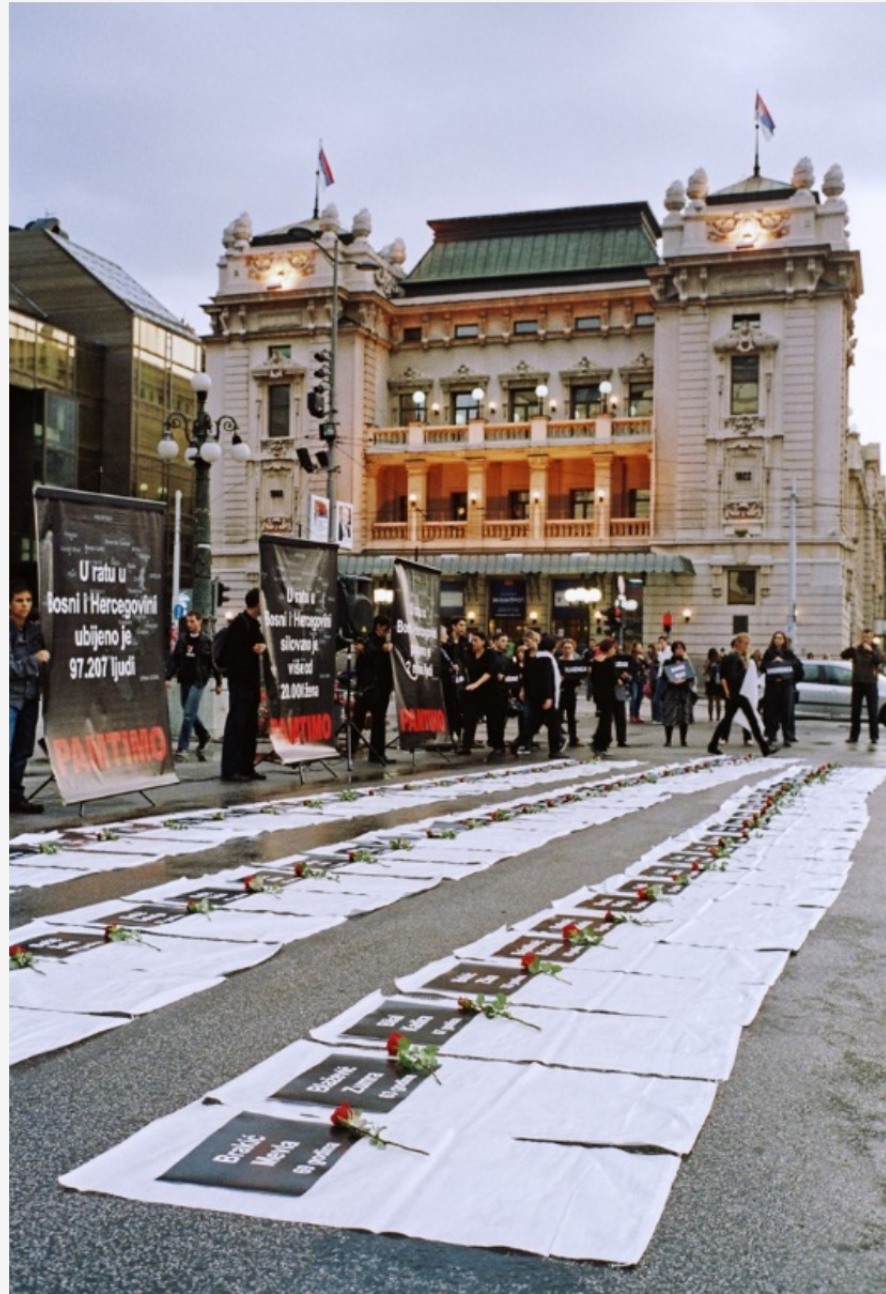
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feminists from Serbia:

- solidarity and compassion with women victims and survivors of sexual violence in wartime
 - politics of remembering as a responsibility in relation to crimes committed in our name during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo
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*We remember
women raped in
war
(Belgrade, Serbia, 2012)*

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*Places of pain...:
Sports Hall “Partizan” –detention
place used for systematic rape of
women with Bosniac and Croatian
names in 1992.*



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Herzegovina, 2018)***

***Places of pain...:
Bridge where women and men
were killed by throwing in the
river by the Serbian-Bosnian
forces in 1992***



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***Places of pain...:
the Karamonov house, used for
detention and systematic rape of
women with Bosnian and
Croatian names by Serbian forces
in 1992***



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*In
solidarity...*

Thank you.



Belgrade, 8 of March 2010