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## RECORD

on collecting statement from witness

Made on 18 September 2003 in the premises of Srebrenica OKP<sup>1</sup>-PS<sup>2</sup>, on the occasion of collecting a statement from the witness Ristanović Miladin, concerning the events from 1992 in Srebrenica.

## STATEMENT

Since 1998 my father Sekula was an invalid, i.e. he was immobile, thus at the beginning of war actions when most residents of Brežani fled to Bratunac, he stayed in the house in which he lived. Since I knew he stayed alone, I did not want to flee myself but instead I also stayed, visited him, and brought him food and water. 3-4 days after the beginning of military actions, I was captured by Naser Orić's army. For about a month, we were in the hamlet of Čumavići where we worked on Vujadinović family estates for the benefit of Naser's army, and throughout that entire time, I took my immobile father Sekula water and food from Čumavići. As for the persons who escorted me to my father's house, I remember Salkić Sead from Joševa, Ahmedović Nurdin from Borkovići, two Ahmedović Arif's sons, whose names I cannot remember. On 14 May 1992, a person named Ahmetović Selim, told me that on that day, the following villages were burned: Sijemovo, Rosulje, Bare, and Rovići, and that the next day, they were going to burn Osredak. I know that Miloš Zekić, an invalid, stayed in Sijemovo. That is when I asked Selim to tell Naser not to burn my father's house because he was alive and in it. However, on 15 May 1992, from one hill in Borkovići, from the house of aforementioned Ahmetović Selim, I saw that my father Sekula's house was on fire. On 16 May 1992, I asked Selim to let me go to my father's house to see what had happened. On that occasion, I was escorted by 5 soldiers, whose names I do not know, and when I came to the house I saw that it was burned down, so I walked around the house yard to see if my father was somewhere dead, but I did not find him in the yard, so I immediately knew that he stayed in the house and burned. I also know that on 15 May 1992, the neighbouring village of Viogor burned down and that Jovanović Dragoljub stayed there as did Vasić Stoja, who stayed in her house as she was immobile. Also, on the same day, the village of Orahovica was burned, where a person named Petrović Radojko stayed. On the same day, after the burning of aforementioned villages, I met army commanded by Naser Orić, with him the only one riding a horse, going in front of them. While I was in captivity in Čumavići, I knew there was a lot of abuse against persons who were there with me. Vujadinović Milovan, whom they called Milenko, was beaten by Naser who also burned his face and hands on multiple occasions in some stable, for which I do not know whose property it is. Vujadinović Nevenka told me that her son Rajko was also beaten in the same stable as Milovan, and later they took him to a brook called Jame where they cut him on the chest with knives. One day they took us to a meadow to be shot, but they returned us, and several hours later they took us to a place called Borik where they found one tree where they would slaughter us, and told us to line up in a column one behind another. Vujadinović Radinka's daughter, named Biljana or Ljiljana, was 2 years old at the time, and the child did not know what a column was so she jumped out of it, to which one soldier reacted by asking whose child was that and cursed its Chetnik mother, and then her father Radomir spoke and said that she was his daughter. Then one soldier from Naser's army told him to take the child so he could slaughter it and drink its blood while he watched. Then Rade told them to slaughter him first and then the child, but they did not listen but instead put the child under the tree, and one of the soldiers grabbed the child's hair with his left hand and pulled her head back, while taking a knife out with his

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: Crime Police Department

<sup>2</sup> t/n: Police Station

right hand. In that moment, from a cemetery not far from there, a courier came and shouted that they must stop with the slaughtering because Naser was planning to conduct an exchange. A few days later, we were taken to Gornji Potočari to Kokošinjac<sup>3</sup>, property of Adžović Azem, where we also spent a few days. There we had no food or water, it was dark and stifling. Usually Naser Orić's soldiers came around 24.00 o'clock every night and took away whom they wanted to beat, and they mostly beat younger persons.

Do you wish to read the record or for us to read it out loud for you-NO.

Do you have any objections to the record-NO.

Do you wish to state anything else-NO.

Will you sign the record-YES.

Collecting the statement ended at 10.40 o'clock.

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<sup>3</sup> t/n: this refers to Pilićarnik camp – literal translation of the word is chicken coop