

STATEMENT

Before the war, I lived with my family in the village of Međe, where I was also born and where I lived together with my brother Mirko, father Milojko, and mother Ljubica, grandfather Milovan, grandmother Julka, and sister Milojka, precisely in the hamlet of Karno, Srebrenica Municipality. At the beginning of war actions in BiH, I was serving military service, and before the war my brother Mirko got a job in Serbia for a period of one year and was working there, my sister Milojka was attending secondary school in Ljubovija, where she also lived, while in the village most of the time there were my father, mother, grandmother, and grandfather.

During the attack on the village of Karno carried out by members of unit of Army of BiH from Srebrenica, which was, from what I know, commanded by Hakija Meholjić from Srebrenica, former policeman in Srebrenica. On that occasion, our property was completely destroyed and looted, and my father was captured alive and later murdered, because his mortal remains were found after the war, three years ago, in the village of Klotjevac in the forest above the primary school in that village, and that those were truly his mortal remains was confirmed by a DNA analysis, record of which I shall submit alongside my statement, i.e. the copy of record on DNA analysis. The exhumation was conducted by the Commission for missing and captured persons of the Republic of Srpska, i.e. by its member Škrba Slobodan, along with the investigative judge of Srebrenica Basic court, Public prosecutor of Srebrenica OJT¹, and employees of Srebrenica crime police, and I was personally present at that exhumation. From what I know, or what I was told by the surviving residents of the village of Karno, Subotić Mladen, Gagić Petar, and Mileva, while my father was captured, he was led through the village by a person named Šaban from Prohići, who was pointing a rifle at his back.

After the attack on the village, other residents of the village of Karno were placed in the village of Greben, and were later escorted to prison in Srebrenica, and among them, alongside aforementioned persons, was my mother Gagić Ljubica. From the same witnesses, I found out, which they have also confirmed in their statements, that after a few days they spent in prison, Zulfo Tursunović from the village of Sućeska, Srebrenica municipality, came to the prison and physically attacked my mother, requesting from her some sort of ham radio station. On that occasion, he hit her head against the wall multiple times and said that he would come the same night to slaughter her. According to their statements, out of fear, my mother took from her bag a vial of acetic acid and drank it, and died in the prison cell from the injuries after 8 days without receiving any medical help from anyone, and without being transported to any medical institution. While she was in such heavy condition, Tursunović Zulfo came to prison again and spoke the following words to her, “Get up, you pig. Why are you lying down?” and “Bitch, aren't you dead yet?” My mother was buried at the town cemetery in Srebrenica by Subotić Mladen, Andrić Milovan, Gagić Petar, and Gagić Cvjetin, and her body was also exhumated, on which there is also a DNA analysis test result that I will also submit alongside my statement, and she was then together with my late father buried at the village cemetery in Mehovina, Vladimirci municipality. According to witnesses who lived, my mother and other residents of the village of Karno were escorted by Nedžad Bektić, then commander in the village of Karačići, and he personally spoke to them in the village of Greben and said that they would be escorted to Srebrenica. I personally did not receive any information about the raping of my mother, so I cannot state anything about that now, but if I do obtain information concerning that, I will deliver that in timely manner.

All of my above statements can be confirmed by Subotić Mladen, Gagić Petar, Gagić Danica, Gagić Mileva, Gagić Anđa, while Gagić Cvjetin and Andrić Milovan died a few years ago.

On this occasion, I must state that I personally have never spoken to a person named Gadžo Mensur, nor was I told that he has some information regarding raping and other actions against my mother while she was in prison in Srebrenica.

I think that those who should be held responsible for the death of my mother, i.e. for her poisoning are Zulfo Tursunović, resident of the village of Sućeska, hamlet of Međe, Srebrenica SO², where, according, to verified information he still lives, and person whom I blame for her death, Horić³ Naser, then commander of all units in Srebrenica, for not transporting my mother to some medical institution so she could have received medical help, or, if nothing else, where the pain from which she died could have been alleviated.

And concerning the circumstances of the murder of my father Gagić Milojko, I request that Hakija Meholjić, who commanded his unit in that area, and a person named Šaban from Prohići are examined, since, if they are not responsible for my father's death, they can certainly provide information on who took part in it.

¹ t/n: District Prosecutor's Office

² t/n: municipality

³ t/n: mistake, actual surname is Orić

Will you read the record or should we read it out loud for you: There is no need.

Do you wish to state anything else? NO.

Do you have any objections to the record? NO.

Will you sign the record? YES.

[signature: G. Milija]