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#### RECORD ABOUT A TAKEN STATEMENT

Compiled in the premises of Živinice SJB<sup>1</sup> on 24 July about a conducted informational interview with [redacted] [underlined in original text], daughter of Abudulah and Šefika, née Sinanović, born on 12 July 1975 in Srebrenica, where she was also residing in 2 [illegible] Street, and is currently residing in Đurđevik OŠ<sup>2</sup> in Živinice municipality, is a Muslim follower of Islam, a student at the chemical school by occupation, not married, who gave the officials of Živinice SJB on 24 July 1995 the following:

#### S T A T E M E N T

When the war broke out in 1992, both I and my family were in our hometown Srebrenica and we remained there until 12 July 1995 when we were driven out from there alongside all the locals and refugees from the surrounding villages and municipalities.

In my statement I wish to say something about the events and occurrences within Srebrenica since 1993 when it had been proclaimed a demilitarised zone and from when no one could come in or go out of it.

During 1993, 1994, and 1995, strange things were happening in Srebrenica in connection to the anarchy and the negligence of some people in positions, smugglers, and some brigade commandants.

Basically, in Srebrenica where I was born and raised, nothing like that was ever happening because no one from the state bodies and the Chetniks<sup>3</sup> could come to Srebrenica to see what the state was at that point, that state of anarchy and negligence when some municipal officials together with the President [of the Municipal Council] and some brigade commandants did whatever they wanted.

The entire time of the war we were starving even though humanitarian aid was arriving to Srebrenica, but certain people at the Logistical Centre, more precisely in the Department Store, were handing it out to their friends and acquaintances and were selling it via their people at the market in our town - [groceries] such as sugar, oil, flour, salt, and so on.

What was also flourishing in Srebrenica was the smuggling of cigarettes that originated from Serbia, such as Vek, Niška, Drina, Marlboro, and Srbija, which were arriving to Srebrenica during night and I do not know who cooperated with the Chetniks at the lines and whether Commandant Naser Orić knew of those affairs and did nothing

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: Public Security Station

<sup>2</sup> t/n: primary school

<sup>3</sup> t/n: derogatory term for Serbs - members of Yugoslav royalist and Serbian nationalist movement in World War II in Yugoslavia

because his elite [members] such as Amir Salihović known as ASKOM, Ćelo, Miš, Izo known as Šupljara, professor Behajia, Nedžad, and Mevko known as Kardžić were all smoking Marlboro and all the best cigarettes and they were the Law in Srebrenica. Many things, such as coffee and similar things, were delivered from Žepa and obtained via the UNPROFOR Russian Battalion, and the prices [of those goods] were unimaginable and only people in positions could have afforded such luxury.

Also, during the war there were many murders in Srebrenica which no one was ever held responsible for nor were there any hearings, because they were saying that they would be resolved when the war ended, so when a murder was committed the person who committed it would walk the streets the following day as if nothing had happened.

Something that also happened was that some of Naser's boys, as well as Naser himself, if they liked a girl and she would not be willing to go with them, they would just marry her for one night only for that girl to be returned to her parents the next day, which means it was important that they had her for one night and slept with her, and the following day they would part ways.

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The most interesting is my own case when I was sitting one day in the flat of Mirza's brother Bekir - and Mirza and Nine were there with us - and Midhat Salihović known as Mido attacked me and wanted to make love with me, and since I did not want it and was not ready for it, when Mido attempted to rape me and when I had no choice, I jumped out from Bekir's flat through the window from the second storey and fell on some woods [that were] next to the house and sustained injuries to my stomach and breast. Due to my fall, I was operated on at the Srebrenica hospital and then at the UNPROFOR [base] in Potočari, and I have a long scar on my stomach and my breast. I also went to the SUP<sup>4</sup> but they told me to be quiet and not to talk about it anywhere and that I should drop it, because Mido was the Commander of a manoeuvre unit, so there was later talk around Srebrenica that I had wanted that and that I hit myself and jumped out the window.

There was also a lot of prostitution done for the money in Srebrenica, and several girls called BUBA, MERI, KETI, [and] VECA were making love in exchange for money with the UNPROFOR soldiers, and who knows for whom and with whom did they work.

There are truly many things that I cannot remember at this moment, but on one occasion I will say it even though I am afraid of vengeance due to the fact that I am telling the truth because most of the people who did bad things arrived to this territory believing that they could do those things here as well.

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<sup>4</sup> t/n: Secretariat of the Interior

Srebrenica would have never fallen had Naser not left it, because everyone was saying that since he had saved his neck, they should save theirs as well no matter where that led them, and they left the civilians at the mercy of Chetniks.

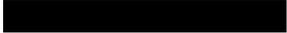
I gave the statement at my own request; it was read out to me and I have no objections to it, and am appending my signature to it.

STATEMENT TAKEN BY:

Authorised official of the Živinice SJB

Hajrudin Babejić

STATEMENT GIVEN BY:

  
from Đurđevik OŠ  
without an ID card