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IT IS NOT GOOD THAT ALL CHARGES OF WAR CRIMES ARE FALLING

On the occasion of the acquittal in the case of "Deportation" Centre for Civic Education (CCE) assess that it is not good that all indictments for the war crimes by the Montenegrin courts are falling, and it should be determined who is responsible for that - whether the prosecution or the judiciary.

In the first instance verdict international humanitarian law was applied incorrectly in several places. In addition, it is particularly worrying that the Court of Appeal, annulling the first instance verdict, gave the explanation that it was contradictory, confusing and illogical, so it couldn't be examined. If, after seven years from the commencement of the process, we have such assessment of indictment, then it is logical that someone therefore should be responsible.

On the other hand, it is the fact that at least 66 refugees were deported from the territory of Montenegro, and handed to the enemy's army, in this case the Army of the Bosnian Serbs. Out of that number, only twelve managed to survive extradition to concentration camps. It must not be forgotten that deportation is a crime, and if we have the victims of this crime, there must be the perpetrators, who must be adequately punished in order to satisfy justice for the victims.

However, after many trials for war crimes in both Montenegro and other countries of the former Yugoslavia, it was shown that their outcomes does not provide adequate satisfaction neither to the victims, nor to the societies in general.

For these reasons, CCE considers necessary to establish additional mechanism, which will essentially work to the satisfaction of justice, establishing the facts and building a culture of remembrance and empathy amongst the people of the former Yugoslavia, because we, as a society, primarily owe it to thousands of innocent victims on all sides.

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