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Kosovo Memory Book Database Presentation and Expert Evaluation

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The Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) and the Humanitarian Law Center Kosovo (HLC Kosovo) will present their joint project, the Kosovo Memory Book Database. The Kosovo Memory Book Database records the people who lost their lives or went missing in connection with the war in Kosovo during the period from January 1st 1998 to December 31st 2000.

At the event, international experts on quantitative and statistical analyses of human losses in armed conflicts will present the results of their evaluation of the Database.

Speakers:

Nataša Kandić, Coordinator of the Kosovo Memory Book Project

Patrick Ball PhD, Executive Director of the Human Rights Data Analysis Group, dealing with truth and reconciliation commissions, through database development and data analysis

Professor Michael Spagat, Head of the Economics Department at Royal Holloway, University of London

Facts

A total of **31,600 documents** were used to document the deaths or disappearances of **13,535** people – 10,812 Albanians, 2,197 Serbs and 526 Roma, Bosniaks, Montenegrins and other non-Albanians – in connection with the war between **January 1st 1998 and December 31st 2000**. In terms of the status of the victims, 10,317 civilians lost their lives or went missing in connection with the war, of whom 8,676 were Albanians, 1,196 Serbs and 445 Roma and others, along with 3,218 members of armed formations, including 2,131 members of the KLA and FARK, 1,084 members of Serbian forces, and 3 members of KFOR.

Based on 4,838 documents,¹ including 2,136 statements by witnesses/family members, it was established that **2,156** people – 1,804 Albanians, 289 Serbs and 63 Roma and others – lost their lives or went missing in connection with the war in **1998**. The records show that the civilian victims included 1,100 Albanians, 132 Serbs, 46 Roma and others, and that the military victims numbering 878, included 703 members of the KLA and 175 members of the Yugoslav Army (VJ) and the Serbian Ministry of Interior (MUP).

¹ In addition to 2,136 statements, the documents contain 1,156 photographs of victims, 539 media items, photographs of 361 memorials, 56 personal documents, 43 certificates, 149 court documents and 398 other documents.

According to 22,041 documents,² including 9,592 statements by witnesses and family members, **10,122** victims (8,701 Albanians, 1,191 Serbs and 230 Roma and others) lost their lives or went missing in connection with the war during the period between **January 1st and June 14th 1999**. There were 7,903 civilian victims, including 7,346 Albanians, 385 Serbs and 172 Roma and others. Out of a total of 2,219 military victims, 1,354 were members of the KLA and 865 members of the VJ/Serbian MUP.

Data contained in 3,558 documents,³ including 1,472 statements by witnesses or family members, confirms that **1,257** people, including 717 Serbs, 307 Albanians and 233 Roma, Bosniaks and others were killed or went missing in connection with the war during the period between **June 14th 1999 and December 31st 2000**.

During the period between **March 24th and June 9th 1999**, **758** people lost their lives to shells, shrapnel and bombs dropped by NATO: 488 in Kosovo (249 Albanians, 202 Serbs and 37 Roma and others), 260 in Serbia and 10 in Montenegro. The victims number 453 civilians, including 220 Albanians, 205 Serbs, 28 Roma and others, and 305 members of armed formations, including 276 members of the VJ/Serbian MUP and 29 members of the KLA. The information is based on 1,468 documents and 539 statements made to the HLC and the HLCK by witnesses and family members.

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² In addition to 9,592 witness statements, the documents contain 4,997 photographs of victims, 1,234 media items, 1,647 photographs of memorials, 1,280 certificates, 973 personal documents, 513 court documents and 1,795 other documents.

³ In addition to 1,472 statements, the documents contain 630 photographs of victims, 345 media items, 79 photographs of memorials, 273 certificates, 261 personal documents, 118 court documents and 380 other documents.