

Republic of Serbia must present censored documents

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The judgment passed by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which acquitted Serbia from responsibility of genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), has caused concern among victims in the states formed on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, since what is now general knowledge of the involvement of Serbia in the Srebrenica genocide was not confirmed in court. The fact that the Republic of Serbia, even after toppling Milosevic, continued hiding evidence of its support of, and direct involvement in, criminal acts in BiH, gravely incriminates today's Serbia and casts a shadow of doubt on the judgment of the ICJ, leading us to believe that it was not based on actual events.

Additional concern is caused by the evident apathy of the Republic of Serbia and Republika Srpska in terms of fulfilling their obligations determined by the ICJ judgment, which found the Republic of Serbia responsible for failure to prevent the genocide and punish the perpetrators of the most serious of crimes committed during the conflict on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, and which also found Republika Srpska responsible for the crime of genocide of the Bosniak population in Srebrenica.

We call upon the government of the Republic of Serbia and Republika Srpska to act responsibly towards the legacy of the past and towards future generations, to set in motion all mechanisms necessary to fulfil obligations as stipulated in the ICJ judgment, and, since they were declared responsible for either perpetrating or failing to prevent genocide, to open public debates in their respective parliaments and in society on accountability, reparations for the victims, and on the importance of official acceptance of the truth. Serbia is responsible to make public all censored documents thus proving that it is not protecting the criminal institutions of the Milosevic regime.

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