



STATEMENT OF THE IGMAN INITIATIVE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRE IN
SREBRENICA

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The non-governmental organizations of the “Igman Initiative” strongly and resolutely condemn the barbaric massacre of prisoners and citizens of Srebrenica. On the occasion of the 10 year anniversary of this loathsome crime we bow our heads and express our deepest respect towards the souls of these innocent victims. We beg that their mothers, sisters, children and other relatives accept our deepest condolences.

We strenuously demand that those who committed these crimes take ultimate responsibility, as well as those who instigated and inspired them. We condemn the ever present denial and belittlement of the magnitude of these crimes by elements within the state government, as well as the failure to apprehend those responsible and bring them before a court of law. Tacit approval and justification of crimes is a crime in itself. We also condemn the relativization of these crimes, since one crime in no way justifies another and all criminals must be brought to justice.

Our demands for responsibility do not stop with the direct participants. We also seek the punishment of the civilian leaders, military commanders and ideologues of these evil political movements. We demand the responsibility of all of these individuals who accepted, respected and fanned the flames of these evil ideas. These people cannot stand aside today and claim that they had nothing to do with these crimes because they did not personally fire a weapon or literally get blood on their hands. Their ideas instigated a horde of murders, thieves and criminals and for their misdeeds they carry the same responsibility as if they committed these crimes themselves

Srebrenica already exists as a symbol of great and horrible crimes and serves as a warning to generations to come. For this reason, we suggest that the governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro institute July 11 as a day of remembrance for all of the innocent victims of the wars which took place in the Former Yugoslavia.

Hail to the memories of the victims of Srebrenica!

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