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**CROATIAN COMMUNITY HERZEG – BOSNIA  
CROATIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL  
BRIGADE “HERCEG STJEPAN” KONJIC**

To the attention of Veso Vegar

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ARBiH with its last combat activity in Konjic municipality reveals that it is exclusively Muslim armada and in no way army that should also protect Croatian people through its activity. Proof of that are brutal crimes against Croatian civilian population committed in Croatian villages Orliste, Bu/*unclear*/, Trusina... Proof are robbed and burned Croatian villages in the valley of river Neretvica: Jasonik, Sokolova Kula, Prijeslop, Sultici and exodus of Croatian population from Konjic to surrounding hills. Proofs are mortar shelling of their villages from the weapons acquired for them by Croats. Ideologist of ethnic cleansing and persecution of Croats in this area Dr. Safet Cibo, who is a leader of Muslim authority in Konjic and Jablanica, together with his wartime presidency, proclaims HVO and its formations to be paramilitary and anti-state creation while he hides crimes and robberies committed against Croatian population or he blames criminals for it. Actually, the real truth is that those brutalities were committed by Zuka's formations in combat cooperation with forces of Hasan Hakalovic and Jusuf Hadzajlic called Homeini in organized manner and according to accurately developed plan. At the same time that same war time presidency publicly praises Zuka's forces for displayed courage and for defense of BiH against Croatian aggressor. Hypocritical, just as was the behavior of members of those forces in the village Trusina when, after the slaughter of civilian population and captured HVO soldiers, they gave chocolate and candy to the children of deceased immediately after they killed their fathers in front of their eyes. HVO forces are being imputed that they do not honor the truce. This morning at 10.00 o'clock Muslim army with all its force conducted artillery attack on village Ljesovina. At 14.00 hr that same army from Ostrozac, Ritica, Idbar, Lisicanica and Seljani launched combined artillery and infantry attack against Radesine and our friends and neighbors up to yesterday from Glodnice entire day fired snipers and spreader of death\* at Falanovo Brdo – village which in all recent events did not fire a single round at those people. Naturally HVO formations responded because it is their duty to protect Croatian people. Each truce Muslim side uses to continue cleansing of Croatian villages (during the last truce village Orliste was burned down and four innocent old man were killed by machinegun bursts). Muslim extremists continue with that practice even now. We have written Muslim documents, sound recordings of issued commands with only objective to kill as much Croats as possible and to force Muslim state upon feeble that remain and in that way to eradicate Croatian presence in this area. Muslims always called upon their right to defend themselves in regards to Serbian aggression but now when they are conducting aggression against people who did everything to protect them against cetnik knife they call that same right to defense a crime aimed against Muslims. Our up to yesterday fellow-fighters against our common enemy should ask themselves who is leading them and what kind of crime they are being led to. Croats are never going to agree with any kind of Muslim state but they want a state where they are going to have same rights as any other nation. Of course certain Dr. Cibo and his companions Homeini (nickname by which he is better known than by his own name speaks enough of his intentions) and others have convinced Muslim people in to something that does not exist and they are openly leading Muslim people in to genocide against their hundred

years old friends Croats. We want Muslims to understand that people who are leading them do not want anything good to them as well as Croats. Their arrival to leadership positions in politics and military was the cause for everything that happened and that was in the very moment when we were to create joint authority and joint military command in Konjic municipality. At the moment when we were to begin with liberation of our municipality and creation of everything that constitutes existence of one municipality.

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*\*Spreader of death – slang nickname for M-60 machinegun.*

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