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Statement regarding Operation Flash and crime in Medari

Operation “Flash” was carried out by Croatian Army and Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia on May 1 and May 2 May, 1995 in the then occupied part of Western Slavonia. Upon the completion of the operation, this part of the territory was reintegrated into the constitutional and legal order of the Republic of Croatia. Operation “Flash” has enabled refugees from parts of municipalities of Pakrac, Novska and Nova Gradiška, to return in their own homes. On the first day of the operation, on May 1, 1995, around 6 am, in the village of Medari which was then a part of municipality of Nova Gradiška, Croatian soldiers killed twenty-two civilians, out of twenty-four of them who were in the village at that moment. Two young girls survived the crime, only because they were recognized and protected by a Croatian soldier. Out of the twenty-two killed victims of this crime, three of them were children (brother and sister, Goran and Gordana Vuković, at the age of eleven and eight, and their sister, Dragana Vuković, at the age of seven), while 11 of them were women. [Read more](#)

Member of *Documenta* elected to a Board of EU-Russia Civil Society Forum

During the annual General Assembly of EU-Russia Civil Society Forum in Bratislava on May 7th of this year, Nikola Mokrović, member of *Documenta*, was elected as a Board member. EU-Russia Civil Society Forum (Forum, or CSF) is a network of thematically diverse non-governmental organisations from Russia and the European Union, established as a bottom-up, non-partisan civic initiative. The Forum serves as a platform for members to engage in joint activities, articulate common positions, provide support and solidarity, and exert civic influence on policy- and decision-making on the (inter)governmental level. Driven by a vision of ‘the civil society beyond borders’, the Forum brings together organisations and people and therefore contributes to the integration between Russia and the EU, based on common values of pluralistic democracy, rule of law, human rights and social justice. EU-Russia Civil Society Forum was officially launched at the Founding Meeting on 29 March 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic. As of today, the Forum has 153 member and supporter organisations from Russia and 18 EU member states. [More about the Forum](#)

Preparation of exhibition of the textiles from the "Conflict Textiles" collection

On April 17, Documenta, European Capital of Culture 2020 Rijeka and the Stiftung "Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft" (EVZ), organized two workshops conducted by Roberta Bacic under the title [Conflict Textiles](#). The first workshop was held at the Gallery Principij, where an exhibition of selected textiles from the collection will be held in September. The idea behind the workshop was reflection and planning of the upcoming exhibition. The second workshop was held at the Faculty of Philosophy in Rijeka, for the students of history and culturology. The method learned on these two workshops was applied by Documenta's volunteers at the three workshops held in Zagreb, Rijeka and Karlovac within the project "Peace building: Interviews with Youth in Croatia regarding the 1990s Wars, Reconciliation and Transitional Justice". The project is funded by the European Union as part of a larger project "Civilian Activism for Reconciliation in the Region of Former Yugoslavia - Support to RECOM". The coordinator of the project is Polka Association from Karlovac. Participants were high school students in all three cities, aged 15 to 18.

Time of joint responsibility

As a part of activities of Initiative for RECOM, a journalist and theologian Drago Pilsel is hosting a talk show series called Time of joint responsibility. Series is broadcasted as part of program of Sarajevo based Face TV broadcaster. With his guests, Drago Pilsel discusses issues concerning dealing with the past and other key challenges of our time. Until now, three episodes have been released featuring guests [Eugen Jakovčić](#) (Documenta, Zagreb), [Dino Mustafić](#) (theatrical director and public advocate for RECOM in BiH), and [Nataša Kandić](#) (Humanitarian Law Fund, Belgrade).



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