

Source of information: International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)

Mass grave Jama Lipovača

Members of an investigation team at this cave site during the summer of 1999 had reported that there were human remains and clothes present at the base. Informants reported that the site was the initial resting place of the remains of about 70 Bosniak women and children from Nevesinje. As reported in the PHR Nevesinje I Consultant Report by Francinc Drayer, the Bosniak men from the village were reportedly separated from their families, killed, and dumped in a shallow cave (Dubravica II). Those remains were later retrieved and buried at Teleca Lastva, Zijemlije. The Federal Commission on Missing Persons exhumed the remains from Teleca Lastva on 18 May 1999 and from Dubravica II between 11 and 15 June 1999. The women and children from this group had not yet been found, but informant information indicates the cave site as their initial resting place in the summer of 1992. Reports also place a Special Forces group from Belgrade at the cave site to retrieve the remains for reburial in the Muslim cemetery in Nevesinje (1994). On the morning of 27 October 1999, a demining expert entered the cave to clear it of explosives, allowing the exhumation team to enter. This team raised two body bags worth of materials, clothes, shoes, and skeletal remains. A cursory field examination of the remains revealed at least five individuals, consisting of three adults and two children. Clothing included adult sweaters, dresses, children's clothing, and shoes (both women and children's).

DNA statistics

Report category	Value
Total number of DNA reports	33
Number of DNA reports for different individuals	20
Number of reassociation DNA reports	13

Please note

Over the years, the exhumation process of victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina has involved various domestic institutions and international organizations, including the former Entity-level commissions for missing persons, the ICTY, OHR, PHR, and ICMP. The information presented here is compiled from ICMP's technical assistance in the field and in mortuary settings, combined with data available from other sources. For some excavations, ICMP was not in a position to obtain information.