

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

## Mass grave Jama Lisac

During the ICTY Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH) in the summer of 2000, a gravesite was exhumed at a cave known as Jama Lisac, near Donji Dubovik, northwest of Sanski Most. Human remains were exhumed from the cave by a team from the BIH State Commission for Tracing Missing Persons and transferred to the mortuary facilities at Visoko for post-mortem examination by an ICTY team. The exhumations took place over a six-day period from 22 to 28 June, with the autopsies carried out between 25 July and 4 August.

The brief background information provided to the mortuary team was that these were bodies from a group of victims from the Omarska Prison Camp who were allegedly taken from the camp by bus in July 1992, murdered, and thrown into the cave. The bodies were reported to have been carried to the entrance of the cave in blankets.

As outlined in the Pathology Report relating to the Kevljani gravesite, exhumed in 1999, the prisoners at the camp were reported to have been kept in overcrowded and unhygienic conditions, with little food, and were regularly beaten and tortured.

ICMP was informed in general terms that the cave comprised a deep vertical shaft, approximately 18 meters deep, which opened into a chamber measuring approximately 5.5 by 1.5 meters, with a floor that sloped downwards at the edges. Most of the remains were concentrated in the area more or less directly below the vertical shaft, partly covered by blankets, but with additional bodies elsewhere over the rest of the floor.

A total of 56 cases were recovered from the cave, designated on receipt in the mortuary as 55 bodies and one body part, together with a substantial collection of isolated bones that could not be associated with particular individuals. Based on counting the total number of verified bones, the remains were considered to represent a minimum of 51 individuals.

### DNA statistics

| Report category                                 | Value |
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| Total number of DNA reports                     | 39    |
| Number of DNA reports for different individuals | 39    |
| Number of reassociation DNA reports             | 0     |

### 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.