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TRANSCRIPT

Citizen: Mustafic Husejn, son of Daut and Alic Hasa, born on 16/1/1963, in the village of Pribidoli, municipality of Srebrenica, personal ID 16019663183124, with permanent place of residence at Podsevari bb, completed elementary school, before the war employed as a laborer at the chair factory in Zeleni Jadar, municipality of Srebrenica, ethnicity Bosniak—Muslim, citizen of R of BH, widower. Father of one child, since 24/12/1995 resident of Zivinice at the collective center in Visca. On 2/1/1996 in the presence of authorized officials he gave the following

STATEMENT

At the beginning of July 1995 I was at the demarcation line in Ljubisavici as a member of the Army of BH, municipality of Srebrenica, as part of the escort detachment of the 282 brigade under the command of Dudic Ibro.

We were informed by Dudic Ibro that the Chetniks had received reinforcements from the paramilitary forces of “Drina Wolves”, and that we were expected to exercise caution. The “Wolves” subjected us to a fierce attack in the following days, shooting at us from different types of firearms and they shouted at us, saying that they were attacking us together with Russians. The UNPROFOR, i.e. the Dutch battalion did not do anything to protect the civilian population in the area. In the next few days, the Chetniks renewed fierce attacks on Ljubisavice and Biljeg, municipality of Srebrenica, from the direction of Zeleni Jadar and Bukova Glava, municipality of Srebrenica. The same day, our position was attacked from behind by a Chetnik tank from the direction of Bukova Glava, which means that it had to drive past the UNPROFOR checkpoint in Biljeg. As of 11/7/1995, the Chetniks had driven us into Srebrenica and the civilians withdrew to the hospital, i.e. to the Vezionica factory UNPROFOR compound.

On 11/7/1995, I left Srebrenica as part of a break through to free territory in Tuzla, because the Chetniks had seized Srebrenica which had been under UNPROFOR, i.e. Dutch battalion, protection. The meeting point was Susnjari village, municipality of Srebrenica, from where on 12/7/1995, after midnight, after conferring, we started off in the direction of Tuzla. After a kilometer or two, the column was broken up because the Chetniks were shooting up the column from a variety of infantry and artillery weapons. At that time, the Chetniks used various chemical poisons which caused a variety of uncontrolled reactions among the members of the column. Some were sad, some happy, some cried, shouted, started removing their clothing and surrendering to the Chetniks, etc. The Chetniks killed hundreds of civilians there. I separated from the column there and together with Osmanovic Sihran, son of Uzeir, originally from Podsevari, municipality of Srebrenica, who managed to reach free territory, and Ramic Omer, from Podkorjeni, municipality of Srebrenica. The three of us set off in the direction of Kravica, municipality of Bratunac, where along the way we were joined by 4 individuals whose names I do not remember. On the way to Kravica we saw quite a few killed and mutilated male corpses of Bosniak civilians, some of whom we recognized having seen them before. We also saw many gravely wounded persons whose names I do not know, and who were dying. Part of our 7 member group was my uncle Mustafic Osmo, son of Husejn, about 42 years of age, from Podsevari, municipality of Srebrenica, who separated from the column on the way toward Kravica. He was in a grave psychological condition as a result of the chemical poisons and I know nothing of his further fate.

Proceeding on in the direction of free territory, we were joined by more persons, while some drifted off, and our group also joined other groups, as for instance at Baljkovica, municipality of Zvornik, where we found several hundred civilians. At Boljkovica, together with Mehic Salko, from Gladovici, municipality of Srebrenica, Delic Nezir, from the village of Osmace, municipality of Srebrenica, I separated from that large group and withdrew 1 km back where we ran into a group of 5 Bosniaks and, after a brief conversation with them, we continued on with our break through. However, as soon as we had left the Chetniks began shooting at them and killed all 5, of whom I only know Muhic Fadil, born in 1963, from the village of Trubari, municipality of Srebrenica.

While attempting to break out of Chetnik encirclement, myself, Delic Nezir, and Mehic Salko, arrived in Karakaj, municipality of Zvornik, i.e. to the Orthodox cemetery in Karakaj. There we descended to the asphalt road, Nezir made it to Drina River, and I do not know whether or not he managed to swim to the other side. Myself, since I do not swim, together with Mehic Salko, I tried to cross over to Serbia over the railways bridge in Zvornik. However, that is where we were both arrested on 25/7/1995 by a military policeman and we were taken to the barracks i.e. the Vezionica factory in Karakaj, near Zvornik. The same day, about 20 of us, some of whom had been arrested earlier, were driven to the Batkovici camp in Bjeljina, where we were made to do heavy physical labor, mainly on Majevisa mountain. At Batkovic there were about 160 to 170 of us from the area Srebrenica, Zvornik, Visegrad, Vlasenica and Bratunac. I was exchanged on 24/12/1995 in the area of Sockovac, municipality of Gracanica, together with 131 other persons of Bosniak nationality.

I have nothing further to declare, and the statement in the formulation of which I took part was read out to me. It reflects everything that I had said, and I accept it as my own and am prepared to affirm it before any court or other authorized institution.

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s/Mustafic Husejn

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