# United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

# **AUTOPSY REPORT**

**GLOGOVA GRAVE SITE** 

**CASE NO:** GL05 139BP **AUTOPSY DATE:** 22.10.99

**MORTUARY:** Visoko

#### SUMMARY:

The upper half of a body including the head and both arms, but missing several ribs and the lower half of the spine. The remains were skeletonized, with only some greasy material attached.

As established from anthropology examination the person was male and aged between 24 and 65. There were no other identifying features.

He died from a gunshot injury to the head, with a probable bullet entrance hole at the back behind the lower part of the left ear, and evidence of the shot travelling directly upwards and exiting through the upper part of the skull directly above. Several bullet fragments were still present inside.

There was a possible additional shot to the chest, fracturing one of the bones in the spine and one or more ribs, supported by the finding of apparent bullet fragments in the region, but it was difficult to be entirely certain about this.

The only other injuries were fractures of all three bones of the left arm, with the parts above and below the elbow missing. Most likely these injuries occurred after death in moving of the body. Of interest was the clear sign of burning of the broken bone ends, pointing to burning of the remains after death and after the arm bones had separated. His clothing was also extensively burnt.

There were no other significant findings.

#### **CAUSE OF DEATH:**

It is my determination that the cause of death in case number GL05 139BP was:

**Gunshot wound of head** 

This formal report is based upon the autopsy report that I prepared at the time of my examination. Both reports truly and accurately reflect my findings.

Signed:.....

Dr John Clark MB ChB FRCPath Dip FM

Date: 24.10.99

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# A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF REMAINS:

Upper half of a body including the skull and both arms. Skeletonized, with only pultaceous material adherent.

## **B. CLOTHING:**

- Grey woollen jersey with black stripes. Most of front missing and burning of edges.
- Long-sleeved white shirt with vertical blue stripes. Only left half of front remaining and with burning of edges.
- Cream coloured quilted outdoor jacket with fur collar, most of back burned away

## **OTHER ITEMS:**

None

## **C. IDENTIFYING FEATURES:**

<u>Sex</u>:

From examination of soft tissues: Not possible

From anthropology details: Male

Age range (from anthropology data): 24 - 65

**Build:** Not possible

Height (cm):

From estimation of intact body: Not possible

From anthropology data: Not possible

Hair:

**Head hair:** Not possible **Facial hair:** Not possible

Teeth:

General description: Natural teeth in both jaws

Retained for dentist: No

Tattoos: Not possible

**Scars:** Not possible

Other features: None

# D. <u>BODY PARTS MISSING</u>: See Anthropology Report

### E. INJURIES:

i. Findings on fluoroscopy: Radiographer: Mark Viner

- Bullet fragments inside skull
- ?metal fragments in chest

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#### ii. Main injuries described:

Probably Probably Can't ante-mortem post mortem tell

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#### Head and neck:

 Gunshot injury to head, with probable entrance hole, 0.8 cms in diameter, in left occipital region behind mastoid, showing internal bevelling and opening into a large defect posteriorly. Radiating fractures running upwards and laterally. Small exit defect, 0.5 cms diameter, in left temporoparietal region with some external bevelling.

## Trunk:

- 2. Ribs right: fractures of 7, 8 and 9 at angle or spine
- 3. Ribs left: fractures of 4 and 5 at angle and 5 also anteriorly
- 4. Thoracic spine fracture of left half of body of T7

#### Limbs:

- 5. Left humerus diagonal fracture of lower third with lower part of bone missing and burning of fracture end
- Left radius and ulna fractures of middle thirds with upper parts of bone missing and burning of fracture ends

### F. INTERNAL TISSUES:

None

## H. SAMPLES AND ITEMS RETAINED: SC

SOCO: Ronnie Govender

#### **Bullets/Shrapnel:**

None

#### **Anthropology:**

Right clavicle Right 4<sup>th</sup> rib

### DNA:

Right femur Tooth

#### Other:

None