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Government closing International Radio Serbia!

Dear listeners, by the decision of Serbian government, International Radio Serbia – Radio Yugoslavia – ceases to exist on 31 July 2015. Thus our fruitful cooperation with you and our tradition of continuously informing the diaspora and the public worldwide of the current events, business and cultural capacities, beautiful landmarks, culture and tradition of Serbia and former Yugoslavia in 12 languages, via short waves, the Internet and the satellite will be terminated. Thank you for having listened to us and for having trusted us for more than 79 years.

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Day of holocaust of Romani

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The World Day of the Romani Holocaust is marked on December 16 in memory of that day in 1942, when Gestapo commander Heinrich Himmler ordered that the Romani from the European countries be transported to the “family camp” of Auschwitz. On that occasion, president of the World Romania Organization Jovan Damjanovic talked to our radio. He was interviewed by Jelica Tapuskovic.

The official data indicate that upon the Himmler's order some 26 thousand Romani were deported to Auschwitz, and in only one night 4,000 of them were killed there. The Nazi plan envisaged the genocide of the Romani and Jews for racial reasons, and not as the ideological foes. Outside the German territory, most Romani were killed in the so-called Independent State of Croatia. According to historians, there used to be some 300 thousand Romani in the area of the former Kingdom of Yugoslavia, and half of them were killed before or during the

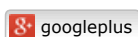
deportation, in concentration camps. At least 60 thousand Romani were killed in the infamous Ustasha camp of Jasenovac, although there are some estimations that the number may be larger, since not all of the Romani were registered.

President of the World Romani Organization “Romanipen” Jovan Damjanovic has told the International Radio Serbia that over the course of two world wars and conflicts in the former Yugoslavia most hideous crimes were committed against the Romani, although they are a peaceful people. According to him, if the 16 December is forgotten, the history and demise of the Romani will be forgotten, too. Damjanovic says that in the WWII the Romani were defending freedom and dignity, while sharing the good times and the bad with the Serbian people, and he reminded that the Romani are the largest national minority in Serbia.

“3.5 million Romani died in Europe. It was a large number of the victims of the fascist and Nazi terror by the Ustasha, Musolini, Hitler and other murderers who were exterminating the Romani across Europe. The Romani have always been banned from living in many countries, and if they would appear, their ears were cut off, the people were thrown into the icy rivers, and most abominable crimes were done against them. The mass murders of the Romani were seen in the first and Second world War,” Damjanovic pointed.

Every year, on the occasion of the Romani Holocaust, which has been marked since 1995, the Central Romani Council from Heidelberg in Germany organizes visits to the infamous Nazi camps – Dachau, Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Mauthausen, and the laying of wreaths on the monuments to the innocent victims of fascism.

In Serbia the wreaths were laid on the monument in the village of Jabuka, near Pancevo and in Arapova Dolina near Leskovac, where 300 Romani were shot in one day. Also, at the location of the former camp “Topovske supe” (cannon sheds) in Belgrade, the wreaths were laid for all the Romani who were killed from 1914 to 2014, and for the first time the memorial liturgy will be served in the St Sava temple.



The End of Radio Yugoslavia – International Radio Serbia



Dear friends, Radio Yugoslavia – International Radio Serbia, ceases to exist on 31 July 2015. For you, our faithful listeners from all over the world, and also for us who have worked on this radio, the only consolation would be the fact that this only state short-wave station in Serbia, which has existed for 79 years, will be remembered as an efficient and reliable promoter of Serbia worldwide...

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Since recently, an unusual wooden ship with sails and oars has been cruising the Belgrade rivers – “Slavyana” with its medieval equipment and the crew dressed as knights. This ship is not just a visual attraction, but also a vessel that crossed 7000 kilometers in three years, going from the Russian Baltic to Belgrade, through many seas, lakes and rivers, as a gift from the Russian knighthood fraternities to their Serbian brothers.

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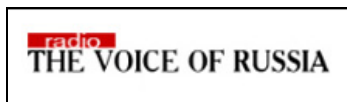
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