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Bosnia and Herzegovina: Amnesty International deplores state's inaction on wartime sexual violence Media invite

(Sarajevo) At a press conference in Sarajevo on 29 March, Amnesty International will expose the failure of successive Bosnia and Herzegovina governments to ensure the fulfilment of the rights to justice, truth and reparation for thousands of women and girls who were raped during the 1992-1995 war.

Amnesty International's briefing, [*Old Crimes, Same Suffering: No justice for survivors of wartime rape in north-east Bosnia and Herzegovina*](#), focuses on the current situation of the women survivors of wartime rape living in Tuzla Canton. It illustrates the problems all survivors face in accessing their rights at the local level.

Before the press conference Amnesty International delegates will present the organization's concerns and recommendations regarding this issue to the state and entity authorities in Sarajevo responsible for ensuring survivors rights.

The press conference will be followed by a round table organized by Amnesty International and the Tuzla Parliament Gender Commission on 2 April in Tuzla. During the round table non-governmental organizations and local, federal and state authorities will discuss practical solutions requiring urgent adoption to improve the desperate situation of this group of survivors. More than ten years after the end of the war, they continue to live with the effects of rape without proper access to medical, psychological and financial assistance.

When: 29 March, Thursday, 1100 local time (0900 GMT)

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