



Umam Documentation and Research together with the Heinrich Böll Foundation Middle East Office in Lebanon (Beirut) organized a roundtable discussion as a part of the event "Srebrenica – Crime and Punishment" on 29 April 2006 that took place in Beirut.

In July 1995, Srebrenica, the genocide of thousands of men and boys before the eyes of the world public jolted international politics and called into question the effectiveness and relevance of the United Nations and international law.

Against the background of more than 30 years since the beginning of the Civil War in Lebanon, the event "Srebrenica – Crime and Punishment" seeks to discuss issues of genocide and crimes against humanity, intervention, justice, memory and reconciliation with a Lebanese public. Such issues have lost none of their importance in the still transitional processes (post-) war societies are facing – be it in Lebanon, the Balkans, and also Rwanda or Sudan.

A roundtable discussion brought such critical topics into public space, re-evaluate the past and build a secure future, presenting a photo exhibition by renowned Bosnian and international photographers, commemorating the massacre of Srebrenica. Beside a roundtable there was a film screening organized during the event.

President of Research and Documentation Center engaged in the roundtable as a key note speaker on the panel Truth and Justice, commenting on some of the following questions:

- How was the truth testified?
- What was the political dimension of the ICTY?
- Did the collection of testimonies and the judicial process bring about justice?
- Was it important for the victims?
- What about Karadzic and Mladic?
- What did truth finding and judicial processes do for the future of the region?

Umam Documentation and Research express their willingness to continue cooperation and appreciation for RDC's engagement in the roundtable.

Below is the letter from Inga, a president of Umam Documentation and Research.



Dear Mr. Tokaca,

Greetings from Beirut!

We hope all is well with you.

We would like to thank you again for your participation in the roundtable. It was really an honor to include your intervention and your insight as a part of our event. We have received a lot of positive feedback and press coverage for the event and consider it a success.

We look forward to meeting you again and please keep in touch!

Regards,

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