<u>DAMAGE TO CHURCHES AND OTHER CULTURAL/RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES DURING THE 17-18 MARCH</u> 2004 ATTACKS ON ORTHODOX HERITAGE IN KOSOVO & ON ISLAMIC HERITAGE IN SERBIA

KOSOVO

(Provided by Cultural Heritage Without Borders (http://www.chwb.org/), with additional information & emendations provided by András Riedlmayer, Harvard University, 15 April 2004)

PRIZREN	Date of construction	Degree of damage	Photos of March 2004 damage	Listed monument	Condition as of October 1999
Church of The Holy Virgin of Ljeviska (Bogorodica Ljeviska)	14 th C.	Roof and walls appear intact; some soot marks above windows; damage to interior from fire and vandalism; modern altar table and furnishings smashed and burned; interior surfaces, including preserved sections of mediaeval frescoes are covered with soot, urgently need cleaning and conservation; small part of a fresco chipped or fallen off, other areas of frescoes show cracks, may be in danger of detaching	YES (SPC [Serb Orthodox Church] web sites, wire service photos)	YES	Undamaged
Church of St. Savior (Sveti Spas)	14 th c. (small church) – 19 th c. (walls of unfinished 1836 annex & belfry)	Scorch marks seen on outer walls and belfry of uncompleted 19 th c. annex (which never had a roof). Photos show no external sign of damage to the medieval church.	YES (SPC web sites) no close-ups or interior views available	YES	Undamaged
Episcopal Church of St. George / Serbian Orthodox Cathedral (Saborna crkva)	19 th c. (1887)	Completely burned out, roof collapsed, interior gutted, only perimeter walls remain.	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	Undamaged

Church of St Nicholas – Tutic's Church	14 th c.	Photos show some of the metal roofing material on a lower roof reachable from the street pulled off; no clear signs of fire or other damage visible	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Undamaged
Old Orthodox Church of St. George – "Runovic's Church"	16 th - 18 th c.	Interior damaged by explosion (and fire?); some walls cracked, damage to frescoes; may be salvageable urgent attention needed	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Undamaged
Church of St Kyriake (Sv. Nedelja)	20 th c.	Said to be damaged by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged
Church of St Kyriake (Sv. Nedelja) - (village of <u>Zivinjane</u>)	19 th c.	Said to be damaged by fire and blast.	NO	NO	Undamaged
Holy Archangels Monastery - in Bistrica River gorge, near <u>Prizren</u>	14 th -16 th c. (archaeological ruin for 400 yrs) 20 th c. (lodge & chapel – 1998)	Modern lodge and chapel, built in 1998 next to archaeological site of mediaeval monastery, has been burned out. No sign damage to mediaeval remains seen on photographs.	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Undamaged
Serbian Orthodox Seminary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (complex) Prizren	19 ^{th-} - 20 th c.	Burned out	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	Undamaged
Episcopal residence - Bishop's residence (Former Russian Consulate) - Prizren	19 th c.	Burned out	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	Undamaged
RAHOVEC / ORAHOVAC					
Church of St Kyriake (in Brnjaca village)	20 th c. (rebuilt)	Said to be partly damaged by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged

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Old Orthodox Church	19 th c.	Burned, site completely razed	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Undamaged
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the Holy Virgin	ooth (4000)	10 11)/F0 (0D0 '()	\/50	
New Orthodox	20 th c. (1998)	Rubble removed from the site.	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Already destroyed
Cathedral of the Holy					(in summer 1999)
Trinity (Saborna crkva					
Sv. Trojice)	00 th - (4004)	O a market by market and market by market and	VEO (000	NO	Manadalia ad
Cemetery Chapel of	20 th c. (1994)	Completely razed, rubble removed	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	Vandalised
St . Lazarus (at					
Piskote village)	00 th = (4000=)	II al a se a l'ale a all	NO	NO	Variablia ad fina
Cemetery Chapel in	20 th c. (1990s)	"demolished"	NO	NO	Vandalised, fire
Gradish/Gradis					damage inside
village.	20 th c. (1991)	Compositorium and with availabium	VEC (CDC wish sites)	NO	Vandalised, hole in
Church of St. Elias at	20 C. (1991)	Completely razed with explosives	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	wall from
Bistrazin village					explosion
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PRISTINA	4 of h)/F0 (0D0 '()	\/50	 .
Church of St Nicholas	19 th c.	Completely burned out, interior	YES (SPC web sites)	YES	Undamaged
(Old Orthodox		gutted, roof collapsed, only			
Church), Pristina		perimeter walls remain			
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Church of St. Michael	20 th c.	Said to have been stoned, interior partly damaged by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged
FUSHE KOSOVE /					
KOSOVO POLJE					
Church of St Nicholas	20 th c. (1939)	Interior vandalised, contents partly	YES (SPC web sites, news	NO	Undamaged
	,	damaged by fire; exterior shows no	wires)		
		sign of damage	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
PODUJEVO					
Church of St. Elias	20 th c.	Interior damaged by fire, steeple	YES (SPC web sites)	NO	Vandalised, fire
		and part of apse wall collapsed by	-		damage inside

		explosives			
LIPJAN / LIPLJAN					
Old Orthodox Church of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin	14 th -16 th c.	No damage(?) - hand grenades "thrown near church & parish house"	YES (SPC websites)	YES	Undamaged
Church of St. Florus and Laurus	20 th c.	Hand grenades reported thrown "near church & parish house"	YES (SPC websites)	NO	Undamaged
MITROVICE / KOS. MITROVICA					
Church of St. Sava	19 th c. (1896)	Parish house burnt out; church partly damaged by fire	YES (SPC websites, news wires)	NO	Undamaged
VUSHTRI / VUCITRN					
Church of St. Elias	19 th c.	Parish house burned out; photo 22. March 2004 shows church still standing; interior damaged by fire	YES (SPC websites, Roma Human Rights website)	NO	Church vandalised and looted, parish house looted
SKENDERAJ / SRBICA					
Monastery of St. Joanikije at Devic	16 th - 20 th c. (destroyed WW2, rebuilt 1947-60)	Monastery and chapel burned out, interiors gutted, roofs collapsed, perimeter walls still standing	YES (SPC websites, news wires)	YES	Vandalised, minor damage to interior summer 1999
FERIZAJ / UROSEVAC					
Church of The Holy King Uros	20 th c. (1933)	Reported partly damaged by fire, Molotov cocktails and grenades thrown at KFOR guarding church	NO	YES	Vandalised, interior damaged by fire
Small chapel at <u>Varos</u> <u>Selo</u>	20 th c.	"Fully damaged" by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged
Church of the Birth of the Holy Virgin at Softe/Softovic	20 th c. (1930s)	"Fully damaged" by fire	NO	NO	Vandalised, partly damaged by fire
Church of SS Peter & Paul at <u>Talinovac</u>	20 th c.	"Fully damaged" by fire	NO	NO	Vandalised, partly damaged by fire
SHTIME / STIMLJE					

Church of the	20 th c. (1920s)	"Attempted arson" - damage yet to	NO	NO	Vandalised, partly
Archangel Michael,		be investigated			damaged by fire
(on hill above town)					
VITI / VITINA					
Church of St. Petka	19 th c.	Reported partly damaged by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged
GURASH/ KOS.					
KAMENICA					
Church at Donja	20 th c.	"Attempted arson" - damage being	NO	NO	Vandalised,
Sipasnica (not		investigated by a multi-ethnic			interior damaged
"Slapasnica")		commission			by fire
PEJE / PEC					
Sveti Jovan Church	20 th c. (1982)	Partly damaged by fire	NO	NO	Undamaged
Church of the	16 th /19 th c. (1868)	Interior partly damaged by fire,	NO	YES	Vandalised, partly
Presentation of the	, ,	Exterior appears intact			damaged by fire
Virgin at Belo Polje					
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Church of Sts Peter	20 th c. (1929)	Partly damaged by explosion	NO	NO	Undamaged
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<u>APPENDIX</u>: LINKS TO PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET DOCUMENTING THE 17-18 MARCH 2004 ATTACKS ON ORTHODOX HERITAGE IN KOSOVO & ON ISLAMIC HERITAGE IN SERBIA

PRIZREN — Church of the Mother of God Ljeviska (Bogorodica Ljeviska) — 14th c.

Views of exterior after 17-18 March 2004 fire

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska1-v.jpg

Pre-war exterior photo

http://www.kosovo.com/ljeviska ext2.jpg

Views of damage to interior after 17-18 March 2004 attack

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska66-v.jpg

http://www.terrorwhy.kg.co.yu/images/stradanje/03.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/prizren1/05.jpg

Detailed view of a mural inside the Ljeviska church, damaged in 17-18 March 2004 attack

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska5-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska7-v.jpg

Pre-destruction view of same mural

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/ljeviska/ljeviska55-v.jpg

PRIZREN - Church of St. Savior (Sveti Spas) - 14th / 19th c.

Medieval church at left, unfinished 19th-c. annex at right (photo 22 March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/prizren1/01.jpg

For pre-war photos of the church and unfinished annex, see

http://www.kosovo.com/sveti spas.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/svspas.html

PRIZREN — St. George's Orthodox Cathedral — 19th c. (1887)

Views of exterior after 17-18 March 2004 fire

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/georgije/georgije1-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/georgije/georgije2-v.jpg

View of interior after 17-18 March 2004 fire

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/georgije/georgije3-v.jpg

Pre-destruction exterior photo

http://www.kosovo.com/epskp2.jpg

Pre-destruction interior photo

http://www.jochen-hippler.de/Fotos/Kosovo - Fotos/Messe in orthodoxer Kirche/orth Messe in Prizren.jpg

PRIZREN – Church of St. Nicholas (Tutic's Church) – 14th c.

Photo of exterior (22 March 2004), showing stripped-off metal roofing material

http://www.kosovo.com/pzz13v.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom march/bishop prizren/17.JPG

Pre-war photo of Tutic's church

http://www.yuheritage.com/prznikola.htm

PRIZREN — Old Orthodox Church of St. George (Runovic's Church) — 16th / 18th c.

Views of scorched exterior after 17-18 March 2004 attack

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/bishop_prizren/11.JPG

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/bishop_prizren/02.JPG

Photo of damage to interior after 17-18 March 2004 attack

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/prizren1/31.jpg

Pre-destruction exterior photo (small stone church to the right of the Cathedral)

http://www.kosovo.com/epskp2.jpg

PRIZREN (near) - Holy Archangels monastery —14th c. (ruins) / 20th c. (lodge & chapel)

Photos, taken in 2000, showing the medieval ruins and the new monks' lodge & chapel (built 1998)

http://www.kosovo.com/arh005.jpg

http://community.webshots.com/s/image6/5/57/3/75855703cupplw_fs.jpg

http://community.webshots.com/s/image6/5/52/83/75855283bUOMFJ_fs.jpg

View of March 2004 fire damage to new monks' lodge and chapel (Photo 22 March 2004) http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/arhangeli-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/arhangeli/arhangeli-3-v.jpg

PRIZREN - Orthodox Theological Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius - 19th / 20th c.

Photos showing Seminary buildings on fire (17 March 2004) & after fire (22 March 2004)

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/prizren/prizren1-v.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/prizren1/02.jpg

Pre-war photo showing Orthodox Seminary complex (in foreground)

http://www.kosovo.com/epskp3.jpg

PRIZREN — Orthodox Bishop's residence — 19th c.

Burned out Bishop's residence (22 March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/prizren1/25.jpg

Pre-war photo of Bishop's residence

http://www.kosovo.com/epskp1.jpg

GJAKOVA/DJAKOVICA — Old Orthodox Church of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin — 19th c.

Old Orthodox church still standing (in 2001)

http://www.kosovo.com/djak07.jpg

Site of destroyed Old Orthodox church (22 March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/crkva djkruins.jpg

GJAKOVA/DJAKOVICA —New Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity — 20th c. (1998)

Photo of site of demolished church, rubble removed (22 March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/djakovica1/07.jpg

Photo of rubble of cathedral (October 1999)

http://www.kosovo.com/sk/crucified/churches/photos/ch25 h.jpg

Pre-destruction photo of front façade of cathedral (1999)

http://www.kosovo.com/dcidjakovica2.jpg

GJAKOVA/DJAKOVICA —Cemetery Chapel at Piskote village — 20th c. (1991)

Photo of rubble of chapel, razed to its foundations (March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/djakovica1/03.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/djakovica1/02.jpg

Pre-war photos of the cemetery chapel at Piskote village http://www.kosovo.com/sk/crucified/churches/ch67.html

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GJAKOVA/DJAKOVICA —Orthodox Church of St. Elias at Bistrazin village — 20th c. (1991)

Photo of rubble of destroyed chuch (March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/djakovica1/17.jpg

Photos showing prior damage to church in summer of 1999

http://www.kosovo.com/sk/crucified/churches/ch27.html

PRISTINA — Old Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas — 19th c.

News agency photo of church on fire (17 March 2004)

http://www.terrorwhy.kg.co.yu/images/stradanje/18.jpg

Exterior views of the burned-out church (March 2004)

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/pristina1/07.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/prr04.jpg

Pre-destruction view of church http://www.kosovo.com/prr08.jpg

FUSHE KOSOVE / KOSOVO POLJE — Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas — 20th c. (1939)

Exterior view of the church after riots, with Javier Solana in foreground (23 March 2004) http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/040324/ids photos wl/r2707112878.jpg

Damaged icons from vandalised interior of Kosovo Polje church (23 March 2004) http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/kosovo-polje-c.html

PODUJEVO — Orthodox Church of St. Elias — 20th c.. (1971)

Exterior views of the church, showing damage from March 2004 attack

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/podujevo1/03.JPG

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom_march/podujevo1/04.JPG

Views of the church in Podujevo in late 1999, interior vandalised, exterior still intact

http://www.kosovo.com/podujevo.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/podujevo3.jpg

LIPJAN / LIPLJAN — Old Orthodox Church of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin (14th-16th c.) LIPJAN / LIPLJAN — New Orthodox Church of Saits Florus and Laurus (20th c.)

Exterior view of the Old Orthodox Church (left) and the new Orthodox Church at Lipljan (April 2004), both protected from damage during 17-19 March riots by timely arrival of Finnish and Czech KFOR troops http://www.kosovo.com/bsuzem.jpg

Interior (undamaged) of Church of Sts. Florus and Laurus: priest with miraculous weeping icon (April 2004) http://www.kosovo.com/bsuze3m.jpg

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MITROVICA — Orthodox Church of St. Sava — 19th c. (1896)

Smoke billows as priest's house burns next to church (18 March 2004)

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/mitrovica-v.jpg

Exterior view of damaged St. Sava's Orthodox Church & burned out parish house

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom march/mitrovica stsava/08.JPG

Interior view of St. Sava's Orthodox Church, showing fire damage

http://www.kosovo.com/pogrom march/mitrovica stsava/10.JPG

Photos of the Orthodox church in Mitrovica still intact, under guard by KFOR (2001)

http://www.kosovo.com/mit8.jpg

http://www.kosovo.com/mitr1.jpg

VUSHTRI / VUCITRN - Orthodox Church of St. Elias - 19th c.

Photo showing the church standing at rear of vandalised cemetery (30 March 2004)

http://www.errc.org/publications/photos/Kosovo4 march 2004.jpg

Photo showing entrance façade of the church before the riots, with KFOR soldier (2000)

http://www.kosovo.com/dcivucitrn1.jpg

SKENDERAJ / SRBICA — Monastery of St. Joanikije at Devic — 16th / 20th c. (destr. WW2, reb. 1947-1960)

Photos showing the destruction at Devic monastery (taken 21-23 March 2004)

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/devic/devicruins32-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/devic/devicruins33-v.jpg

http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/devic/devicruins36-v.jpg

Pre-war view of the Devic monastery

http://www.kosovo.com/devic.gif

PEJE / PEC —Church of the Presentation of the Virgin at Belo Polje village — 16th / 19th c. (1868)

Exterior view in late 1999, burnt parish house at left, church at right looks intact from outside

http://www.kosovo.com/dcibijelopolje5.jpg

Interior view of the church in late 1999, showing damage from vandalism, fire

http://www.kosovo.com/dcibijelopolje6.jpg

SPC bishop Atanasije Jevtic reports from a 22 March 2004 visit to Belo Polje (Bijelo Polje):

"the Church appears unchanged from outside but the interior has once again been burned.

Also burned was the parish home..." (ERP KIM Newsletter, 26 March 2004).

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BELGRADE — Bajrakli Mosque — 17th c. (1660-1688)

The Bajrakli Mosque, a listed monument, and the adjacent Islamic centre were broken into, smashed up, and set on fire by a mob of Serb extremists. The interior of the historic mosque was partly burned out, the religious library and archives of the Islamic Community of Belgrade were entirely destroyed by fire.

Photo of the rioters in action on the night of 17-18 March 2004

http://customwire.ap.org/dynamic/files/photos/BEL10303180347.html?SITE=TNKNN&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

Charred exterior of the Bajrakli Mosque in Belgrade following the attack

http://www.b92.net/galerija/pics/2004/03/1698797438405980327c4f1744746414.jpg

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0649.JPG

Photos showing damage to the interior, and the burned Korans and religious books in the Mosque library

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0628.JPG

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0603.JPG

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0602.JPG

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0612.JPG

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0642.JPG

http://www.donella.co.yu/2004/HPIM0646.JPG

Photo of the Bajrakli Mosque taken before the recent riots http://web.mit.edu/most/www/ser/Belgrade/bajrakli.html

NIS — Islam-Aga Mosque — 19th c.

Set on fire on 17 March 2004 by a mob of Serb extremists, who lay down in the street to stop fire engines from reaching the burning mosque; completely burned out.

The Islam-Aga Mosque in Nis in flames, after being set ablaze by a Serb extremist mob

http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/photoalbum/1079627815.htm

http://www.b92.net/galerija/pics/2004/03/2568570740594da19196a589121333.jpg

http://www.b92.net/galerija/pics/2004/03/199373786140594db58204e189047553.jpg

http://www.kbr30.dial.pipex.com/v040322.htm

Jubilant Serb youths pose in front of the blazing mosque, flashing the 3-finger salute

http://athens.indymedia.org/front.php3?lang=en&article_id=199567

Burned-out ruin of the Islam-Aga Mosque in Nis, still smoking and covered in nationalist graffiti 18 March 2004

http://www.serbianna.com/news/story/300/004.jpg

Pre-destruction photo of the Islam-Aga Mosque in Nis

http://www.nis.org.yu/kultura/dzam.jpg

BELGRADE — Historic Ottoman gravestones in the Kalemegdan citadel (15th / 16th c.)

Smashed with sledgehammers, as a "patriotic" act, by order of Col. Dragan Nikolic, the officer in charge of protecting these monuments as the Military Museum's curator. Photos and report in the Belgrade daily *Danas* (13 April 2004):

http://www.danas.co.yu/20040413/kultura1.html#1

For other reports on anti-Muslim violence in Belgrade, Nis, and elsewhere in Serbia, see

Milovan Mracevich,

"Historic mosques come under attack by mobs protesting unrest in Kosovo" *TOL Balkan Reconstruction Report* (19 March 2004) http://listserv.buffalo.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0403D&L=albanews&P=R177&I=-3

Dragana Nikolic,

"Flames engulf Belgrade mosque," *Balkan Crisis Report*, No 486, (18 March 2004) http://www.iwpr.net/index.pl?archive/bcr3/bcr3 200403 486 2 eng.txt