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

KOSOVO

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<th>PRIZREN</th>
<th>Date of construction</th>
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<td>Church of The Holy Virgin of Ljeviska (Bogorodica Ljeviska)</td>
<td>14th c.</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>YES (SPC [Serb Orthodox Church] web sites, wire service photos)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Undamaged</td>
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<td>Church of St. Savior (Sveti Spas)</td>
<td>14th c. (small church) – 19th c. (walls of unfinished 1836 annex &amp; belfry)</td>
<td>Scorch marks seen on outer walls and belfry of uncompleted 19th c. annex (which never had a roof). Photos show no external sign of damage to the medieval church.</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites) no close-ups or interior views available</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Undamaged</td>
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<td>Episcopal Church of St. George / Serbian Orthodox Cathedral (Saborna crkva)</td>
<td>19th c. (1887)</td>
<td>Completely burned out, roof collapsed, interior gutted, only perimeter walls remain.</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>Church of St Nicholas – Tutic’s Church</td>
<td>14th c.</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Undamaged</td>
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<td>Old Orthodox Church of St. George – &quot;Runovic’s Church&quot;</td>
<td>16th - 18th c.</td>
<td>Interior damaged by explosion (and fire?); some walls cracked, damage to frescoes; may be salvageable -- urgent attention needed</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Church of St Kyriake (Sv. Nedelja)</td>
<td>20th c.</td>
<td>Said to be damaged by fire</td>
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<td>Church of St Kyriake (Sv. Nedelja) - (village of Zivinjane)</td>
<td>19th c.</td>
<td>Said to be damaged by fire and blast.</td>
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<td>Holy Archangels Monastery - in Bistrica River gorge, near Prizren</td>
<td>14th-16th c. (archaeological ruin for 400 yrs) 20th c. (lodge &amp; chapel – 1998)</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Serbian Orthodox Seminary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (complex), - Prizren</td>
<td>19th - 20th c.</td>
<td>Burned out</td>
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<td>Episcopal residence - Bishop's residence (Former Russian Consulate) - Prizren</td>
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<td>Church of St Kyriake (in Brnjaca village)</td>
<td>20th c. (rebuilt)</td>
<td>Said to be partly damaged by fire</td>
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<td>Gjakove / Djakovica</td>
<td>Old Orthodox Church of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin</td>
<td>19th c.</td>
<td>Burned, site completely razed</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
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<td>New Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Saborna crkva Sv. Trojice)</td>
<td>20th c. (1998)</td>
<td>Rubble removed from the site.</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Cemetery Chapel of St. Lazarus (at Piskote village)</td>
<td>20th c. (1994)</td>
<td>Completely razed, rubble removed</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>Cemetery Chapel in Gradish/Gradis village</td>
<td>20th c. (1990s)</td>
<td>&quot;demolished&quot;</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>Church of St. Elias at Bistrazin village</td>
<td>20th c. (1991)</td>
<td>Completely razed with explosives</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>Prishtine / Pristina</td>
<td>Church of St Nicholas (Old Orthodox Church), Pristina</td>
<td>19th c.</td>
<td>Completely burned out, interior gutted, roof collapsed, only perimeter walls remain</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites)</td>
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<td>Obilic / Obilic</td>
<td>Church of St. Michael</td>
<td>20th c.</td>
<td>Said to have been stoned, interior partly damaged by fire</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>Fushe Kosovo / Kosovo Polje</td>
<td>Church of St Nicholas</td>
<td>20th c. (1939)</td>
<td>Interior vandalised, contents partly damaged by fire; exterior shows no sign of damage</td>
<td>YES (SPC web sites, news wires)</td>
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<td>Podujevo</td>
<td>Church of St. Elias</td>
<td>20th c.</td>
<td>Interior damaged by fire, steeple and part of apse wall collapsed by</td>
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<td>Old Orthodox Church</td>
<td>14th-16th</td>
<td>No damage(?) - hand grenades &quot;thrown near church &amp; parish house&quot;</td>
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<td>Church of St. Florus</td>
<td>20th c.</td>
<td>Hand grenades reported thrown &quot;near church &amp; parish house&quot;</td>
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<td>Parish house burnt out; church partly damaged by fire</td>
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<td>Church of St. Elias</td>
<td>19th c.</td>
<td>Parish house burned out; photo 22. March 2004 shows church still standing; interior damaged by fire</td>
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<td>SKENDERAJ / SRBICA</td>
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<td>Monastery of St.</td>
<td>16th-20th</td>
<td>Monastery and chapel burned out, interiors gutted, roofs collapsed, perimeter walls still standing</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Vandalised, minor damage to interior summer 1999</td>
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<td>Joanikije at Devic</td>
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<td>(destroyed WW2, rebuilt 1947-60)</td>
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<td>Church of The Holy</td>
<td>20th c. (1933)</td>
<td>Reported partly damaged by fire, Molotov cocktails and grenades thrown at KFOR guarding church</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>Vandalised, interior damaged by fire</td>
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<td>King Uros</td>
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<td>Small chapel at Varos</td>
<td>20th c.</td>
<td>&quot;Fully damaged&quot; by fire</td>
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<td>&quot;Fully damaged&quot; by fire</td>
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<td>Vandalised, partly damaged by fire</td>
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<td>Church of SS Peter &amp;</td>
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<td>Paul at Talinovac</td>
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<td>Church of St. Petka</td>
<td>19th c.</td>
<td>Reported partly damaged by fire</td>
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<td>GURASH / KOS.</td>
<td>Church of the Archangel Michael, (on hill above</td>
<td>20th c. (1920s)</td>
<td>&quot;Attempted arson&quot; - damage yet to be investigated</td>
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<td>KAMENICA</td>
<td>on hill above town)</td>
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<td>&quot;Attempted arson&quot; - damage being investigated by a multi-ethnic commission</td>
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<td>PEJE / PEC</td>
<td>Sveti Jovan Church</td>
<td>20th c. (1982)</td>
<td>Partly damaged by fire</td>
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<td>Church of the Presentation of the Virgin at Belo</td>
<td>16th/17th c. (1868)</td>
<td>Interior partly damaged by fire, Exterior appears intact</td>
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<td>Church of Sts Peter and Paul.</td>
<td>20th c. (1929)</td>
<td>Partly damaged by explosion</td>
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**APPENDIX: 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.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
PRIZREN – Church of St. Nicholas (Tutic's Church) – 14th c.
Photo of exterior (22 March 2004), showing stripped-off metal roofing material

PRIZREN — Old Orthodox Church of St. George (Runovic's Church) — 16th / 18th c.
Views of scorched exterior after 17-18 March 2004 attack

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)

View of March 2004 fire damage to new monks' lodge and chapel (Photo 22 March 2004)
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/arhangeli/arhangeli-3-v.jpg
http://www.spc.org.yu/Vesti-2004/03/prizren/prizren1.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)
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_djkuins.jpg

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

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
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)

Damaged icons from vandalised interior of Kosovo Polje church (23 March 2004)

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 Saints Florus and Laurus (20th c.)
Exterior view of the Old Orthodox Church (left) and the new Orthodox Church at Lipjan (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
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)
Photo showing entrance façade of the church before the riots, with KFOR soldier (2000)
http://www.kosovo.com/dcivucitrn1.jpg

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
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/y040322.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
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&l=-3

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http://www.iwpr.net/index.pl?archive/bcr3/bcr3_200403_486_2_eng.txt