

Joint Press Statement of CSOs in Serbia: With Solidarity and Support Against the Attack on Women in Black

We express our solidarity with the Women in Black and we invite everyone who wants and can to come and join us for the cleaning of hate graffiti on Wednesday, October 27, from 1 pm at the premises of Women in Black (Jug Bogdanova 18) in Belgrade.

We call for urgent prosecution of persons who wrote hate graffiti and insults on the premises of Women in Black in Belgrade on the night between Friday, October 22 and Saturday, October 23, 2021. Moreover, we consider the condemnation of the attack by the representatives of the executive and legislative authorities necessary since the members of the ruling coalition as well as the pro-government media often slandered this organization and its members as traitors.

This attack is a direct consequence of the denial of the genocide in Srebrenica and the impunity of hooligans who use every opportunity to celebrate Ratko Mladic and insult Bosniak people, as was the case on October 10 this year at the handball match between Red Star and Novi Pazar.

The joint action will be organized in compliance with the epidemiological measures prescribed by the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

Signatories:

1. Youth Initiative for Human Rights - Serbia (YIHR Serbia)
2. The Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights YUCOM
3. Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina
4. Humanitarian Law Center
5. The Network of the Committees for Human Rights in Serbia
6. Committee for Human Rights Nis
7. Civic Initiatives
8. Sandzak Committee for Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms
9. Cultural Centre DamaD
10. European Movement Serbia
11. Institute for European Affairs
12. Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
13. Centre for Democracy Foundation
14. Civic Action Pancevo
15. NGO Impuls
16. Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society
17. Academic Initiative Forum 10
18. Urban In Novi Pazar
19. Centre for Public History
20. Institute for Territorial Economic Development (InTER)
21. Association of Women Sandglass
22. SOS Women's Centre
23. Women for Peace
24. Autonomous Women's Center
25. Association Women's Forum Prijepolje
26. Verujem ti Initiative
27. Forum ZFD - Serbia
28. Women's Solidarity