"CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT DAM JABLANICA: THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE POPULATION FROM THE SUBMERGED AREAS OF THE JABLANIČKO LAKE"

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WHERE ARE WE?

• BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MUNICIPALITY OF KONJIC

• LISIĆIĆI – JABLANIČKO LAKE, 30 KILOMETRES (RIVER NERETVA, 230 KILOMETRES)
CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT DAM JABLANICA

- BUILT IN 1953 IN MUNICIPALITY OF JABLANICA AS THE BIGGEST HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN EX YUGOSLAVIA
- FORMED ARTIFICIAL JABLANIČKO LAKE ON THE RIVER NERETVA

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LISIČIĆI – JABLANIČKO LAKE

• THE SUBMERGED AREAS OF JABLANIČKO LAKE HAD POPULATION OF 4500 – 5000 INHABITANTS: LISIČIĆI, ČELEBIĆI, OSTROŽAC, RIBIĆI, ORAHOVICA, PAPRASKO, ŽUGLIĆI ITD...

• LISIČIĆI, A NEOLITHIC CULTURE SETTLEMENT (10,000 – 2,000 BC)

• ALOJZ BENAC, A BOOK „NEOLITHIC SETTLEMENT IN LISIČIĆI NEAR KONJIC“, THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF BIH, SARAJEVO 1955.
BEFORE THE DELUGE

• THE RIVER NERETVA, WHERE BRIEFLY EXPANDS INTO A WIDE VALLEY BELLOW KONJIC, PROVIDED LOT OF FERTILE, AGRICULTURAL LAND THERE (14 MIL M2), BEFORE THE LAKE FLOODED MOST OF IT.

• AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE BUILT A RAILWAY IN THE 19TH CENTURY CONNECTING LISIČIĆI WITH THE ADRIATIC COAST, WHICH ENABLED RESIDENTS TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS (FRUITS, VEGETABLES, ETC.) FROM THE FIELDS AT THE MARKETS OF MOSTAR, SARAJEVO, SPLIT, AND EVEN PADOVA IN ITALY.
THE DELUGE IN 1953: CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE POPULATION

IN THE BEGINNING OF 1950'S, THE EX-YUGOSLAVIAN REGIME STARTED WITH:

1. CAMPAIGN OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF THE POPULATION (4,500 – 5,000 INHABITANTS)
2. EXPROPRIATION OF THE LAND WITH SYMBOLIC COMPENSATIONS
3. DEMOLITION OF THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY (HOUSES, ORCHARDS, LIVESTOCK, GRAVEYARDS ETC.)
4. CRUEL PUNISHMENTS TO THOSE WHO RESISTED TO REMOVE OR TO THOSE WHO SETTLED NEXT BY THE UPPER LAKE LEVEL
EXPROPRIATION AND DEMOLITION OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY

- EXPROPRIATION OF LAND WITH SYMBOLIC COMPENSATIONS

1 HECTARE OF THE „JABLANIČKO LAKE“ LAND = 50 EUR (100 EGGS)

1 HECTARE OF THE „BUŠKO LAKE“ LAND = 300 EUR

1 HECTARE OF THE „SALAKOVAC LAKE“ LAND = 12,500 EUR
• DEMOLITION OF HOUSES, ORCHARDS, GRAVEYARDS, RELIGIOUS SACRAMENTS ETC.
(Dokumentarni film o gradnji HE Jablanica)
EVERYTHING NEEDED TO BE REMOVED (EVERY HOUSE, EVERY TREE ETC.) IN ORDER TO MAKE THE GROUND FLAT FOR THE LAKE.
CAMPAIGN OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF THE POPULATION (4,500 – 5,000 INHABITANTS)

- A PART OF THE POPULATION FROM LISIČIĆI WAS FORCEFULLY REMOVED TO THE BARRACKS IN TURIĆI VILLAGE NEAR GRADAČAC (NORTH-EAST OF BOSNIA) BY THE FREIGHT WAGONS.
- THOSE WHO RESISTED AND SETTLED NEXT BY THE UPPER LEVEL OF LAKE WERE CRUELLY PUNISHED
• A LOT OF PEOPLE RETURNED BACK TO THEIR PREVIOUS HOMES AND SETTLED NEXT BY THE UPPER LEVEL OF LAKE.
IN THE AFTERMATH OF DELUGE, THE PEOPLE OF LISIČIĆI COMPLAINED TO THE REGIME IN SARAJEVO, HOWEVER, THEY GOT THREATS THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE KILLED SO THEY WERE LEFT ALL ALONE WITHOUT ANY KIND OF SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND WITHOUT THE LAND THAT USED TO BE THEIR ONLY RESOURCE.
• 10,000 INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGES FROM THE RIGHT BANK OF THE LAKE WERE COMPLETELY CUT OUT FROM THE COMMUNE WITHOUT A PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE, ROADS, TRANSPORT, BRIDGES, ELECTRICITY, WATER AND FOOD SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, SCHOOLS...
The end of 1960's: TV documentary movie "Voda kao horda" by famous Yugoslavian director Radivoje Lola Đukić displaying the harsh living conditions of inhabitants from Lisičići in the aftermath of deluge, with personal testimonies of theirs. (Video was forbidden until the beginning of 1990): https://bit.ly/2QRPHVP
• Thanks to the continues protests and claims of its' inhabitants, Lisičići got electricity for the first time in 1970's (from the municipality budget and not from the electrical power supplies).
• In the mid-1970's they voluntary broke through the surrounding hills with a dredger towards the center of commune in Konjic, forming the macadam road of 12 km.
• In the beginning of 1990's, telecommunications and water supply were brought to Lisičići.
• IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE 1970’S, THE EX-YUGOSLAVIAN ELEKTROPRIVREDA HELD A MEETING IN PRISTINA WHERE ITS’ BOARD DECIDED TO PAY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COMPENSATIONS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS.
• 300 WORKERS AND 150 PUPILS USED TO GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE MUDDY ROAD OF 12 KM OR ACROSS THE LAKE OF 1.2 KM WIDTH BY THE POORLY WOODEN BOATS.
A 528 METERS LONG BRIDGE OVER JABLANIČKO LAKE WAS BUILT WITH THE ASPHALTED ROAD THROUGHOUT THE RIGHT BANK IN 2010, ESTABLISHING BETTER CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN ROAD SARAJEVO - MOSTAR.
REMAINING TASKS:

1. FAIR REPARATIONS

According to the newest regulations adopted by the Federal Parliament of BiH, Elektroprivreda BiH is obliged to pay annual compensation to municipalities → Municipalities are obliged to invest (in amount of at least 50%) in infrastructure projects of areas that are damaged by hydro accumulation → The Municipal Council of Konjic has been violating those regulations so far by ignoring the quests of Lisićići’s inhabitants.
2. A MEMORIAL ROOM

OUR ASSOCIATION PRESERVES THE CULTURAL HABITS AND COLLECTS THE CULTURAL OBJECTS FROM THE SUBMERGED AREAS OF JABLANIČKO LAKE AND EXHIBIT THEM IN A SO-CALLED „MEMORIAL ROOM“, A SMALL IMPROVISED MUSEUM IN LISIČIĆI.
3. EXHUMATION AND RELOCATION OF THE GRAVEYARD (A LONG-TERM POSSIBILITY)
MEANING OF OUR LOGO

Udruženje građana potopljenog područja Lisičići Konjic
THANK YOU !!!