

Summary

**Crimes Committed by Bulgarian Occupying Forces
on the Territory of Toplički District (1915-1918)**

During the Bulgarian occupation from 1915-1918, on the territory of Toplički district, many war crimes were committed by the occupying army and paramilitary formations, the so called "guerilla counter-company". On the territory of this district, there were 4,471 killed persons identified by the name and surname. They were all civil victims. There was the attempt of forceful bulgarization of the population, which was a separate means of denationalization. 55 villages were burnt down with more than 5000 homes and 16.000 supplementary buildings. Thousands of women were raped, a huge number of children who were killed, more than 10.000 people were disabled by different kinds of torture, and a number of other terrifying crimes were carried out.

On the basis of the available material, it can be established, without any ambiguity, that the real genocide was committed over the population of this district, the consequences of which could be felt during the whole of the 20th century.