

UNION OF REPUBLICS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
CROATIAN REPUBLIC OF HERCEG-BOSNA  
MOSTAR MILITARY DISTRICT

Reference number 03-0730/93

Mostar, 8 November 1993

REPORT at 19:00 /hours/

1. COMBAT ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMY

- 1.1. The enemy occasionally provoked from infantry weapons in Sector North, by opening fire on Vituša, Kuk and Vrtograd from the area of Donja Drežnica – Ušće, and Čitluk.

MOS /Muslim Armed Forces/ opened infantry fire and used explosive devices on our positions along the frontline in Sector “Obrana Mostara” /Defence of Mostar/.

Muslim forces occasionally provoked from infantry weapons, by opening fire on our positions in Kovačina, Aerodrom and Petak in Sector “Jug” /South/.

- 1.2 The *Chetniks* did not open fire on our positions today.

2. OUR FORCES

- 2.1 The “*M.H. Čikota*” Brigade in Sector “North” returned the fire at MOS from PZS /anti-aircraft machine-gun/ and from 88mm gun, with 7 /seven/ projectiles on Nazrajića Mahala.

We fired two 120 mm MB /mortar/ shells on “*Razvitak*” building at 9:00 hrs and at 10:00 hours we fired two 88 mm MB shells on “*Šipad*” in Fejićeva Street. We fired two 120 mm MB shells on Muslim positions at the Bulevar between 10:00 and 10:15. At around 14:30 we fired two projectiles from a 120 mm gun on the Bulevar, just opposite to the Health Centre, when at least three enemy soldiers were killed. We fired six 82 mm MB shells on Northern Camp and Zalik during the day.

From 8:10 in the morning our tank was opening fire from Stotina during the whole day, and it fired 50 /fifty/ projectiles on *Stari grad* /the Old town/. Our MB also fired two projectiles on Stari grad at around 14:00 hours. Our PZS from Hum was opening fire at the south exit from the town today.

2.2. Our forces did not open fire on the *Chetniks'* positions.

3. DECISION ON FURTHER ACTION

Fortify positions to the maximum and prepare for assault operations.

4. SITUATION IN UNITS AND LOSSES

We had one injured soldier, who was injured because of unskilled handling of an explosive device (light injury), in Sector North,

5. REQUESTS

Ammunition of all kind is substantially needed, and most of all, the small-arms ammunition.

Sent to:

- GS /Main Staff/ HR H-B
- ONO ZP /Military District/ Mostar

Commander of the ZP Mostar

Brigadier

Miljenko LASIĆ

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HR H-B HVO /Croatian Republic of Herceg-Bosna, Croatian Defence Council/  
ZP /Military District/ Mostar, Reference number 03-0732  
Mostar, 9 November 1993

REPORT at 19:00 /hours/

1. COMBAT ACTIVITY OF THE ENEMY

During the day, the Muslim aggressor provoked along the main part of the ZP Mostar frontline, chiefly by opening fire from infantry weapons and from sniper rifles. On few occasions during the day such provocations on the transmitter and Donji Buići in Sector North; in Bijelo Polje, Raštani and along the frontline in town and on Čekrk and Stotina were recorded. South of Čekrk and in most parts of Sector South was calm. A group of 200 to 250 soldiers and civilians moving from Podgorani towards the north was spotted.

Serbs fired two MB /mortar/ mines on Hodovo today at 12:10 hours, but without effect.

2. OUR FORCES

Defenders firmly hold their positions, and on provocations coming from the Muslim army they return fire from time to time. They did not return fire at the *Chetniks*.

In addition to the fire from infantry weapons, at around 10:00 hours our tank fired few projectiles at a target which was determined earlier. At around 10:15 hours our reconnaissance people from Hum reported that *Stari most* /the Old bridge/ was torn down, and they could not say anything about the cause of its destruction.

3. DECISION ON FURTHER ACTION

Fortification of reached positions and preparation for assault operations.

4. SITUATION IN UNITS AND LOSSES

Results of heavy rains are slowly being overcome and the defenders' morale is increasing.

Activities in relation with gathering of people from Konjic and organisation of a battalion are going on. No killed persons during the day, one defender suffered light injuries.

5. REQUESTS

As in previous reports, in accordance with the latest development of the situation.

6. At 13:45 in the area of Čeljevo and above Metković UN /United Nations/ aircrafts were throwing radar jamming materials.

Sent to:

- GS /Main Staff/ Mostar
- ZP /Military District/ Mostar

Commander of the ZP Mostar

Brigadier

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REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
CROATIAN COMMUNITY OF HERCEG-BOSNA  
CROATIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL

SOUTH-EAST HERZEGOVINA ZONE OF OPERATIONS, MOSTAR

Operational number 01-5926 / 93

Mostar, 10 November 1993

TO: - THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HR /Croatian Republic/  
OF HERCEG-BOSNA

- HR HERCEG-BOSNA HVO /Croatian Defence Council/  
GS /Main Staff/

- HR H-B /Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna/

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

## REPORT

On 9 November 1993, between 1015 and 1020 hours, the *Stari Most* /Old Bridge/ fell into the Neretva river.

I am hereby sending you the information that we have in connection with the above incident.

1./ The Old Bridge on the Neretva had been damaged and threatened by the ravages of time even before the war so that a few years ago a plan was made for its restoration and it was restored to a certain extent.

2./ The Serbian aggressor shelled the bridge and damaged it.

- 3./ The Old Bridge was in the immediate vicinity of the line of separation under the control of the Muslim army, which used it for military purposes (crossings of the army and transport and transfer of weapons, artillery and other military equipment).
- 4./ The MOS /Muslim Armed Forces/ did not mark the Old Bridge according to the international regulations of UNICEF and did not demand from the HVO any special protection measures with regard to the Old Bridge. The UNICEF flag was not raised on the bridge because, in that case, they could not have used it themselves in combat operations and for combat operations.
- 5./ HVO units never targeted the Old Bridge and destroying it was not the aim. Defending themselves against numerous attacks by the MOS from the direction of the Old Bridge towards Podhum and the Franciscan church, where there were many breakthroughs of the defence line, units fired at the enemy's manpower and materiel near the bridge. The Old Bridge was destroyed as a consequence of combat operations because that area has been the scene of fierce clashes since the beginning of the conflict.

SENT TO:

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| - The HR H-B government                             | MOSTAR ZP COMMANDER |
| - The HR H-B Ministry of Defence                    | FOR: Brigadier      |
| - The HR H-B HVO GS                                 | /a signature/       |
| - The Mostar ZP ONO /Operations and Training Organ/ | Miljenko LASIĆ      |
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