

Database of active missing persons cases from conflicts on the territory of former Yugoslavia

Short Overview and User Guide

More than 40,000 persons went missing during the armed conflicts in the former Yugoslavia during the 1990s. Domestic institutions responsible for addressing missing persons issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia, members of the Missing Persons Group (MPG), each established their own official records on missing persons. These records were compiled from direct reports by relatives of the missing or from cases documented by national institutions and NGOs or international organizations involved in data collection.

The complexities of the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia created challenges in maintaining accurate records. Individuals residing in one territory often went missing in another, while many families of the missing were displaced during the wars and now live in different countries. Consequently, missing persons were sometimes reported to authorities in multiple countries, with relatives providing varying details about the same individual to different national authorities. To enhance investigations and establish accurate records, it became essential to consolidate, harmonize, and verify data across national borders.

The joint Database of Active Missing Persons Cases from the Armed Conflicts in the Former Yugoslavia (the Database) was created in January 2018. ICMP has developed customized database software that was populated with data provided by the domestic institutions resulting in the database of all active missing persons cases from

the former Yugoslavia. Since its inception, the Database has been a critical tool for MPG members, enabling daily exchanges of information, harmonization of records, and closure of cases. To ensure transparency, all updates are reflected in real time, and a notification system alerts users to changes made by other participants.

In November 2022, a public version of the Database was launched to actively engage families of the missing. This version allows families to verify existing records and contribute new information to domestic institutions leading the process of accounting for missing persons.

The public Database is searchable by first name, father's first name, surname, and the reported territory of disappearance. Users can provide feedback on individual cases or report a missing person not yet listed in the Database.

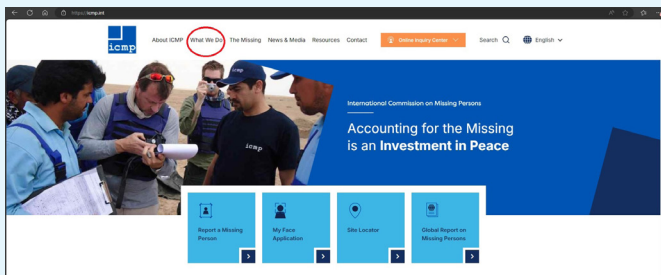
The Database serves as a vital resource and tool for continuous information exchange, verification, and updates among domestic institutions, members of the MPG. Its public version empowers families to contribute to the accuracy of records and fosters regional cooperation in addressing the legacy of the 1990s conflicts.

The Database exemplifies how post-conflict societies can unite in the pursuit of a common goal, ensuring that the issue of missing persons remains a human rights priority and is not politicized to undermine peace and stability.

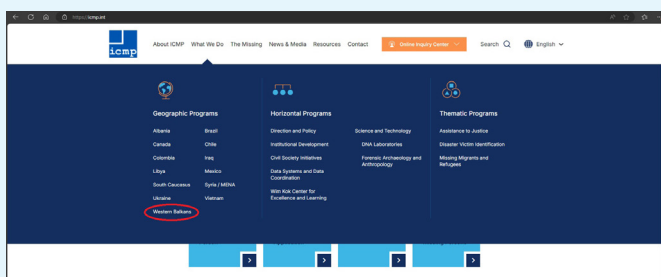
How to access the database

1. Open the ICMP website at www.icmp.int
2. Click on red circle to open:

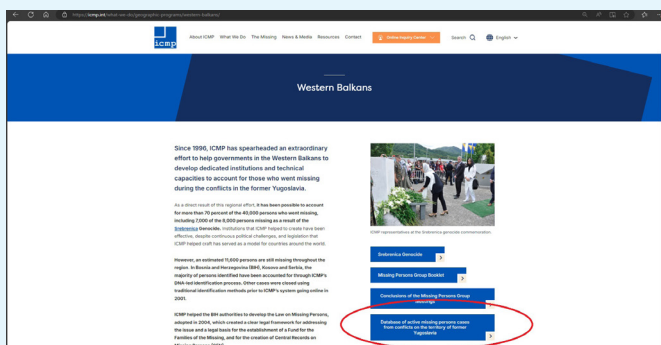
Screen one



When you click on the red circle on screen one, screen two will open



By clicking on red circle on screen two, you will access screen three



Or by following the QR Code



→ Instructions for searching:

- 1 Enter search parameters and click on the **Search** button

Disappearance Territory:

First Name:

Father's Name:

Last Name:

- 2 Results of your search will appear in the table under the search panel

Search Results (11310)

First Name	Father's Name	Last Name	Birth Place	Birth Date	Reported Disappearance Location	Reported Disappearance Date
ABAZ	ABEDIN	HAJDARI	PRIZREN, KRUSHE E VOGEL	17-06-1956	KRUSHE E VOGEL	26-03-1999
ABDULAH	HAMDJA	ALIBEGOVIC	PROZOR	10-07-1937	PROZOR	03-09-1992
ABDULAH	SALKAN	BARIMAC	HRANJEVAC	01-01-1924	VISEGRAD	12-06-1992
ARDJILAH	SEVKI	BEGIC	BEFI	01-04-1961	SRPARNICA	12-06-1992

- 3 In case there are more than 15 records listed, you can browse the results by clicking on the links under the **results table**

JOSIP	JOVAN	MISKOVIC	APATIN	17-03-1956	APATIN	22-11-1992
LJUBA		SUSTOLIC	VLAHOVIC	01-01-1930	DRENOVAC	07-08-1995
LJUBAN	MILE	PAVLOVIC	KIRIN	01-01-1918	JOVANOVAC	15-11-1991
MARA		KRNJAJIC	BREZOVAC	01-01-1910	BREZOVAC	01-11-1991
MARIJA	DANE	IVANCEVIC	RADUC	01-01-1922	PARACIN	01-07-1999

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- 4 By clicking on any record in the results table, a **detailed view** of that record will open

Personal Information

First Name: ALEN

Father's Name: AMEL

Last Name: KOVAC

Birth Date: 10-07-1937

Birth Place: PROZOR

Reported Disappearance Information

Territory: BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

County/Municipality/Event: -

Place: PROZOR

Date: 03-09-1992

Identification Information

Preliminary Identification: No (e.g.: DNA identification report provided)

Date of Preliminary Identification: -

- 5 If there are multiple sets of information available for opened record record, you can view all differences by clicking the **i** icon for every attribute that contains differences

Reported Disappearance Information

Territory: BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA

County/Municipality/Event: -

Place: PROZOR **i** PROZOR/RAMA

Date: 03-09-1992