

# The National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina from shelling on 25/26th August 1992 till reconstruction

CONFERENCE – PROTECTION AND RESCUE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN CRISIS SITUATIONS AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS

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Every war inevitably brings suffering, destruction and eventually havoc. In contrast, culture, in each of its aspects (architectural, literary, musical, artistic and other) brings spiritual enjoyment and enrichment. Every form of cultural heritage (tangible or intangible), in any civilization, requires a certain period of time to develop. Cultural heritage, which

according to the **Hague Convention of 1954** should be protected, often has been the direct target of aggression. The Convention, among other things, prohibits the use of monuments and cultural heritage for military purposes. However, despite all the conventions that protect cultural heritage, we are witnessing a flagrant violation of the provisions of these documents.



# Sarajevo, 1992–1995

# Destruction of Vijećnica

From : <https://youtu.be/ZREijkwTRXk>





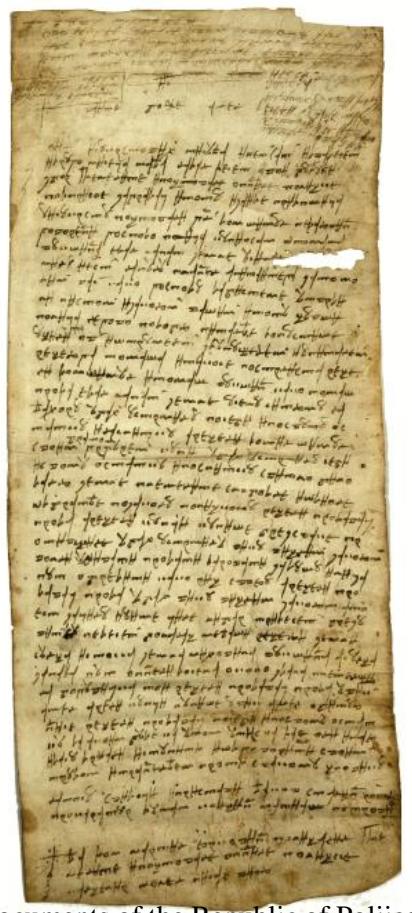
Video dedicated to the destruction of Vijećnica :

<https://www.unesco.org/archives/multimedia/document-215-eng-2>



# The National and University Library B&H - Saved collections (selection)

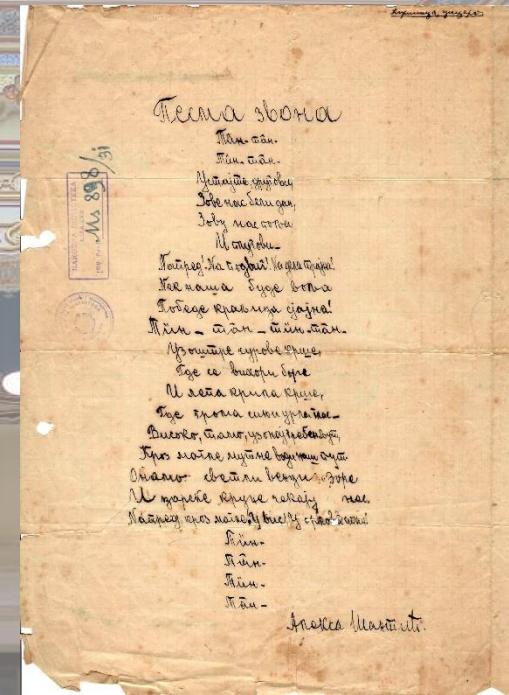
In all, 19.700 manuscripts and rarities, irrefutable testimonies of the state and the cultural, especially multicultural, identity of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the centuries, have been saved.



Documents of the Republic of Poljice



Oil painting and reproductions by Roman Petrović



Archives of Aleksa Šantić



Archives of Silvije Strahimir Kranjčević



Archive of Mehmed-bey Kapetanović Ljubušak



The third temporary accommodation since 1997 is in the former Marshall Tito barracks





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Grbavica. Source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sarajevo\\_Grbavica.JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sarajevo_Grbavica.JPG)

Destroyed Media Centre of Sarajevo. Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sarajevo\\_Tower.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sarajevo_Tower.jpg)

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Thank you!