

# ORAL HISTORY INDEX AND SUMMARY

Interview with: Bedri Hyseni

Date: 27/9/2015

Location: Kosovo

Total duration: 12:48

Interview conducted in Albanian by Rrezarta Mulolli and summary by Kelly Bücher:

Albanian and English translation transcripts available

The interview plays as one recording

1.	Start time	Finish time	Approximate duration	Brief description
	00.00	12:48	12:48	Bedri talks about England and his evacuation. He describes the reception in Manchester and his family's adjustment. He discusses his swift return to Kosovo and life back there with his family. He talks about being a witness at The Hague.
<p>Pen sketch</p> <p>Summary of interview content</p>	<p><i>Bedri is a law graduate who now teaches in Kosovo. He experienced massacres carried out by the Serbian army. His family was evacuated to Manchester from a Macedonian border camp in May 1999. He has four children and speaks very positively of the family's reception in England and the organisation of care for refugees like himself. The family returned to Kosovo in 2000 after 13 months in Manchester. Their home had been burned down and Bedri struggled to gain employment. Now a teacher, Bedri was highly impressed by the education his children received in Manchester. Having returned swiftly to Kosovo after the Liberation he has some frustrations and considers opportunities for his family would have been better in the UK. Bedri gave evidence in the trial of the former Deputy Interior Minister of Serbia at The Hague.</i></p> <p>(0:00) Bedri introduces himself and talks about his education. He was born in 1960 in Ferizaj. He graduated with a Law Degree.</p> <p>Bedri talks about when he arrived in England, Manchester. He talks about flying to England on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1999 from Macedonia.</p> <p>He explains how he had to escape from his village to Macedonia and talks about the massacres carried out by Serbian army after the NATO bombing. He talks about his experience during this period.</p> <p>(05:00) Bedri describes how the community in Manchester welcomed them when they arrived and he how he was very pleased about this. He talks positively about dealing with his life such as living arrangements, food and education for his children. He says that he only stayed in England for a year. He says that during this time in England, he and his wife could not work and they received benefits.</p> <p>(10:18) Bedri talks about how he returned to Ferizaj in Kosovo and how he suffered for two years. His house was burnt down and he was unable to find a job.</p>			

He talks about how his life is now and that he is working as a teacher. He describes being unhappy with the situation in Kosovo and he says that if he were given another chance to come to England he would do it for his children so they could have a better future.

(10:57) Bedri talks about his time in Stankovec camp in Macedonia. He talks about how he got in touch with The Hague Tribunal regarding the former Yugoslavia crimes. He talks about testifying in 2006 against Gjorgjeviq [former Deputy Interior Minister of Serbia]. He testified against him twice in The Hague Tribunal. Bedri talks about how he and his family were threatened and they received threatening messages in Serbian. Because of this he doesn't feel safe but freedom of movement is restricted.