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We express our solidarity with the parents of soldiers Dražen Milovanović and Dragan Jakovljević, as well as with parents of all other soldiers whose deaths under unclear circumstances are frequently being brought in connection with the hiding of Ratko Mladić in military facilities in which the deceased soldiers were serving their military service. In their quest for truth about their sons' deaths, the parents are still facing an unprecedented obstruction by the state organs and an inadmissible indifference of the public.

It is high time the new democratic government takes responsibility for the obvious influence of former Milošević personnel who are using every means possible to hide the truth about the former government's responsibility for numerous deaths in the army and answers all questions linking the soldiers' deaths with the hiding of Hague indictee Ratko Mladić.

We demand that state authorities finally create conditions for the determining of truth about the involvement of the former general staff and military security services in the hiding of Mladić and, avoiding any calculations based on daily politics, arrest Mladić and deliver him to the Hague Tribunal, since he is one of the persons most familiar with state and military secrets of the criminal policies and one of the most reliable "executors" of Slobodan Milošević's state-organized crime. Following the arrest of Mladić and his extradition to the Hague Tribunal, many secrets will be disclosed, including the one involving the crime of hiding those responsible for the soldiers' deaths.

A country's good reputation is being achieved only by it's facing the immediate past and removing all (both military and civilian) personnel inherited from the past who are obstructing the full truth about crimes, whose victims, among others, include innocent young soldiers.

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