

Amnesty Warns NATO: 1999 Bombing of Radio and Television of Serbia (RTS) is a war crime

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London – Amnesty International called on NATO yesterday to investigate cases of violation of international humanitarian law in bombing of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in 1999.

NATO is also called on to allow the responsibility for violation of human rights to be determined in a court trial and to pay compensation to families of the victims.

In the AI statement it is said that even after 10 years since the NATO air strike on the Radio and Television of Serbia (RTS) nobody faced the justice for serious violation of the humanitarian rights committed by the NATO.

The AI expert for the Balkans, S. Jones, says that "bombing of the Serbian state television was a planned attack on a civilian target' and that 'as such it is a war crime".

During the air strike on RTS on April 23, 1999, 16 people were killed and 16 were injured.

In the NATO bombing campaign against FRY from March to June 1999, about 500 civilians were killed and 900 wounded.

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