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Savo Strbac explaining from a TV studio in Banja Luka to the Serb population why the decision had been taken to take the civilians out of the so-called Krajina

Mr. Strbac.

The Croats never intended to live with the Serbs in the former Croatia.

This was now best seen in the latest examples of their aggression in Western Slavonia and now in Dalmatia, Lika, Banija and Kordun. All of us who were in a position to speak to international officials constantly kept warning them of this fact and spoke of it, that the Croats didn't want to live with us and that we cannot allow ourselves to live with them so that the genocide committed against us in the past would not be repeated. /inaudible/ and I use the term we "cannot not allow ourselves" because it has a stronger meaning than "we do not wish to live with them", we do not and cannot of course live with them and because of this it was necessary first and foremost that we preserve our biological potential, our people. We could have died off. The civilian population could have been killed. Our civilians and women could have been killed. We need our biological potential for something that is hopefully yet to come.

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On the day of the most recent aggression against Krajina my association Veritas wrote a letter to Boutros-Ghali in which we alerted him with regards to this, a never before seen massacre which would be launched against the Serb population which is why it was decided in the end to begin the exodus in order to protect the people."