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### Gacko III

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### Summary of Events

From 5 through 7 October 1999, the Federation Commission on Missing Persons – Bosniak Side exhumed gravesites at ten sites in five general locations in the vicinity of Gacko. Twenty-eight sets of remains were recovered. All recovered individuals are presumed to have died during the war years.

A Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) Forensic Consultant was present for the recovery operations.

Remains were transported to autopsy facilities in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Postmortem examination results had not been forwarded to PHR at the time of writing.

Table 1. Summary of Recovery Operation Results (MNI: Minimum Number of Individuals)

Site	Grid Coordinate	MNI
1a. Gacko-Stari Most	CN 004 811	11
1b. Gacko-Stari Most	CN 004 811	7
2. Gacko-Stari Most	BN 990 805	0
3. GAC-Partizansko Groblje	BN 997 815	1
4. GAC-Partizansko Groblje	BN 998 813	0
5. GAC-Partizansko Groblje	BN 995 818	0
6. Gacko-Cernica	BN 984 732	1
7. Dizdoruša	CN 009 752	1
8. Duga Kosa	CN 003 739	2
9. GAC-Partizansko Groblje	BN 998 815	4
10. GAC-Partizansko Groblje	BN 989 824	1

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(Editor's note: In 1999, it was agreed that the "State Commission on Missing Persons (Bosniak Side)" and the "Federal Commission on Missing Persons – Croat Side" would eventually be referred to as the "Federation Commission on Missing Persons – Bosniak Side" and "Federation Commission on Missing Persons – Croat Side," respectively. For purposes of simplicity and clarity, any reference to either of these commissions in 1999 reports will use the "Federation" names.)

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The Republika Srpska (RS) Commission on Tracing Prisoners and Missing Persons and the Office of the High Representative (OHR) were also represented.

### **Narrative**

The 11 sites are in or near Gacko (see Figure 1; Topographic Map Gacko; Sheet 2781 II; Edition 4-DMA; Series M709; Scale 1:50,000). Grid coordinates for all sites were determined using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit (see Table 1).

Background information and descriptions of operations at the sites were not available at the time of report publication.

### **Postmortem Examination Findings**

Postmortem examination results had not been forwarded to PHR at the time of report writing. Results will be filed with this report once received.

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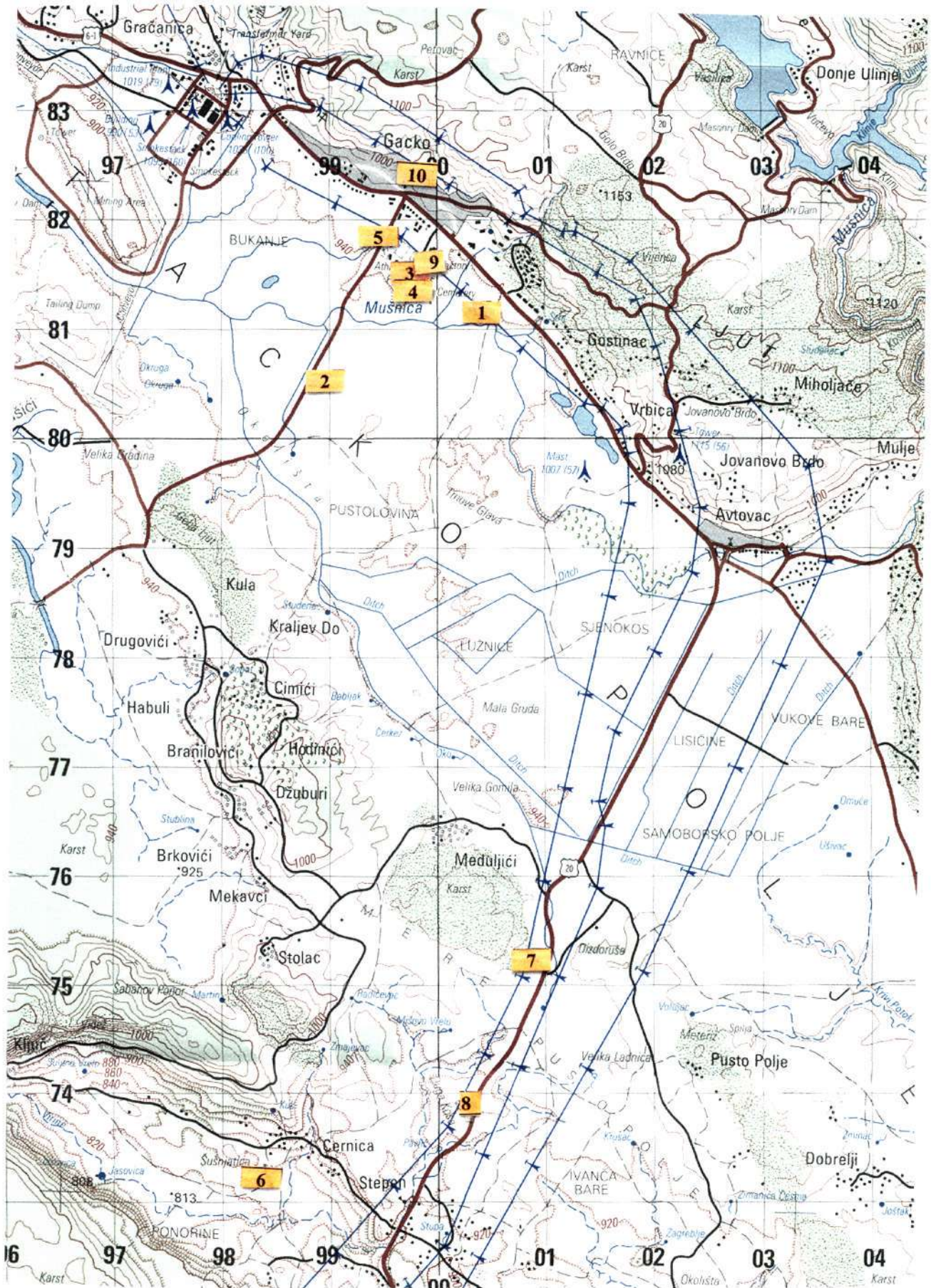


Figure 1. Site Locations

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Photo 1. Site 1a exhumation in progress.



Photo 2. Remains *in situ* at Site 1a.



Photo 3. Remains *in situ* at Site 1b.



Photo 4. Work in progress at Site 3.



Photo 5. Site 6.



Photo 6. Remains *in situ* at Site 6.