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The Questions from MAPO Newspaper

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Mr. Baraybar, in a interview for "Le Temps", you have mentioned details about your investigation in "Yellow house" in Burrel. 8 years after this, which is your impression? In your point of view, is this story true?

It is difficult to assess the story as true or untrue, what is clear is that the information we came across back in Kosovo was certainly credible. As the Marty report says, much has been discussed about the Yellow house and such thing is only part of a much broader picture. We also need to differentiate two sets of data, that the Marty report is now articulating after investigating a number of leads for two years) 1) the existence of UCK in Albania and 2) the possible organ trafficking. At this point in time and even then, nobody in their right mind would say there were no UCK camps in Albania and that people from Kosovo were taken across the border and that some died there. I have personally interviewed victims that were there (Kukes). As per the organ trafficking and the fact that some people taken to those camps may have ended in an organ trafficking ring is the central claim that needs to be investigated further.

We have read Dick Marty's report and like Carla Del Ponte, all we found was suspicious and no evidences. What do you think Marty's conclusions?

Any investigation starts as claims and suspicion that is why a proper investigation needs to be conducted. Nobody in my mind at least is claiming things without basis. Del Ponte's book is a biographical account and we should not expect to find any "evidence" in it, the Marty report is a much more thorough account and in my opinion it put forward a number of leads that need to be followed.

Mr. Lulzim Basha reacted today. He denied that he had been there with you, as a translator. He said that during that time, he was working for UNMIK. Have you any evidence about your trip together there?

I have never said and I repeat never, that Mr. Basha was with me at the Yellow house. If that has been published it has been a misquote.

There are made a lot of investigation in "yellow house" from Tribunal of Hague, Council of Europe and Albanian authorities. Nobody couldn't find evidences about organ's trafficking. Do you think that it is possible to find evidence, if another investigation is to be held?

To my knowledge the only "investigation" of the Yellow House was the one we conducted in 2004. Also we need to bear in mind that even during our visit in 2004 the probability of finding direct evidence of what happened five years earlier was already slim. Remember as well that one of the allegations according to the sources is that corpses of victims were disposed in the local cemetery not far from the house. A visit to the cemetery made however virtually impossible to know where to look with prior information. Organ trafficking as a crime needs to be investigated from many angles. However it is clear that as a practice in the area is not new. Remember the Medicus clinic in Pristina. Such an investigation would involve assessing who is involved in vast criminal networks that may as a matter of fact and among many other things also do organ trafficking. But clearly any investigation should have the cooperation of everybody. There is no point in saying things are untrue if you have not demonstrated that they are untrue, or true for that matter. At the moments there are allegations and preliminary data that suggests many things, only a systematic investigation will get to the bottom of it.

You have said that you found equipment for blood transfusions, syringes and other things. Did you take something with you and analyze it? If yes, which are the conclusions?

We found muscle relaxants, syringes and an IV kit. All of it was taken by ICTY.

Mr. Baraybar, in "Le Temps" you have told that you have seen a report about organ's trafficking, with witnesses and evidence. Can you tell us which was the route of the trafficking, because if the report you have read it was a complete investigation it should have contained the names of other protagonists of this so called trafficking, people who buy these organs, their destinations and other components. Can you elaborate more on this...

No. What I have said to the Temps is that I received credible information from 8 different sources that did not know one another about people been taken to Albania, some of which would have ended in the Yellow house. That is why we got to the Yellow house in the first place. It was not a matter of choosing any house in Albania and planning a visit. This was based on the information we received. Furthermore I would ask you a question. What do you think would be the likelihood of going to any house in Albania, that is a house at random and finding the same things we did find? I would say none. This however and I insist is not proof of anything, it is rather part of a number of other elements that should be used in an investigation.

In your point of view, it is possible to make a transplantation in the middle of nowhere, in those conditions?

Nobody to my knowledge has suggested that transplantsations were done in the middle of nowhere. Organ trafficking is about trading organs extracted unlawfully for a donor. Another story is the process of (medical) transplantation itself.

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