

## Episode 16: Participation of Montenegrin citizens in foreign battlefields

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Participation of Montenegrin citizens in foreign battlefields was the theme of discussion in the one-hour live talk show aired on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 on the First Channel of Radio Television Montenegro (RTCG). This was the sixteenth in the series of twenty shows named "Reaching the Trust Together", which is supported by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Moderated by Andrijana Kadija, participants in the debate included Mevludin Nuhodžić, Chairman of the Parliamentary Security and Defence Committee; Enis Burdžović, Head of the religious-educational service of the Islamic Community in Montenegro; Velimir Rakočević, Professor at the Law Faculty, University of Montenegro and Olivera Injac, Professor at the Faculty for Humanistic Studies, University Donja Gorica.

Panellists discussed the complexity of this topic and its background, agreeing that it represents a serious security issue with a tendency of global expansion. They explained relevant legal provisions and stressed that more researches in this area should be conducted. Panellists concluded that this issue should be objectively considered and that propaganda and ideology are easy to spread through internet and social networks.

Veljko Rutović, Special Prosecutor, gave his contribution to the dialogue explaining legal provisions related to this specific issue. Also, Sulejman Ugljanin, president of the Party of Democratic Action (SDA) – Sandžak provided his opinion on the topic while professor Vlado Azinović, from the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo, presented the results of researches concerning backgrounds of individuals who participated on foreign battlefields.

The main aim of the talk shows is to serve as a platform for dialogue and to engage various segments of society in Montenegro which will serve to enhance confidence, trust, and co-operation between the public, institutions, media, and civil society.

Next episode of the series will be aired on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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