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### Kotor Varoš I

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### Summary of Events

On 27 and 28 October 1999, the Federation Commission on Missing Persons – Bosniak Side conducted recovery operations at four sites in the general vicinity of Kotor Varoš. No remains were recovered from a cemetery site in Vrbanjci, but remains of 14 individuals were exhumed from the other sites.

Background information on these recovered individuals was not available at the time of report writing.

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
Vrbanjci	XK 922 400	0
Hrvacani	XK 954 421	3
Kukavice	XK 877 431	5
Zagrade	XK 867 419	6

This Recovery Documentation Report (#1999-072) is based on information provided by Geraldine Hodgson.

(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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### **Participants and Observers (not necessarily inclusive)**

Federation Commission on Missing Persons – Bosniak Side  
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Laborers

Physicians for Human Right (PHR)  
HODGSON Geraldine Forensic Consultant

Office of the High Representative (OHR)  
CHILVERS Peter Exhumations Officer

Republika Srpska (RS) Commission on Tracing Prisoners and Missing Persons was also represented.

### **Narrative**

The sites are in the general vicinity of Kotor Varoš (Figure 1: Topographic Map Maslovare; Sheet 2684 III; Edition 6-DMA; Series M709; Scale 1:50,000; and Figure 2: Kotor Varoš; Sheet 2584 II; Edition 6-DMA; Series M709; Scale 1:50,000). Grid coordinates for all sites were determined using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit (see Table 1).

Details of operations at these 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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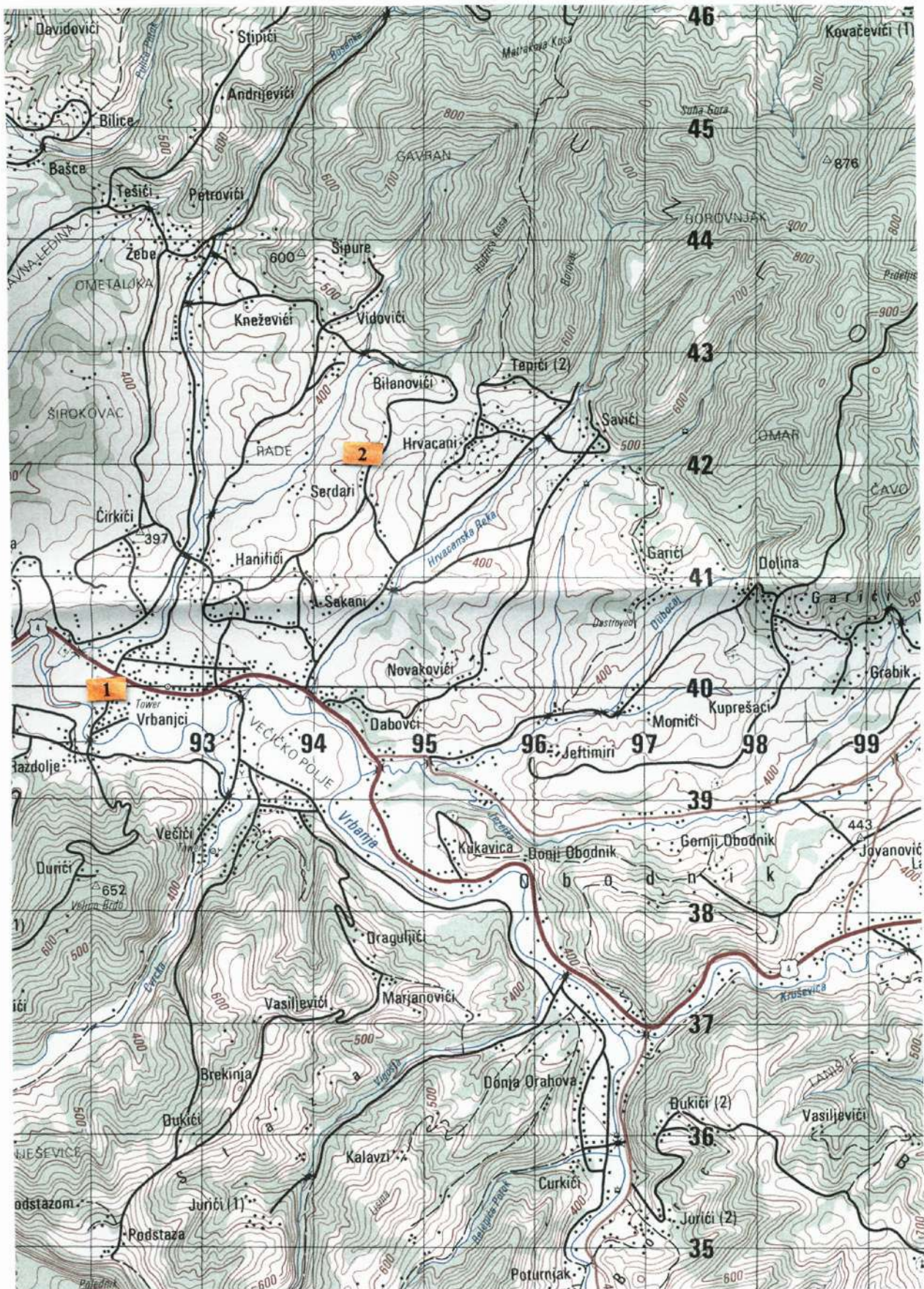


Figure 1. (1) Vrbanjci (2) Hrvacani



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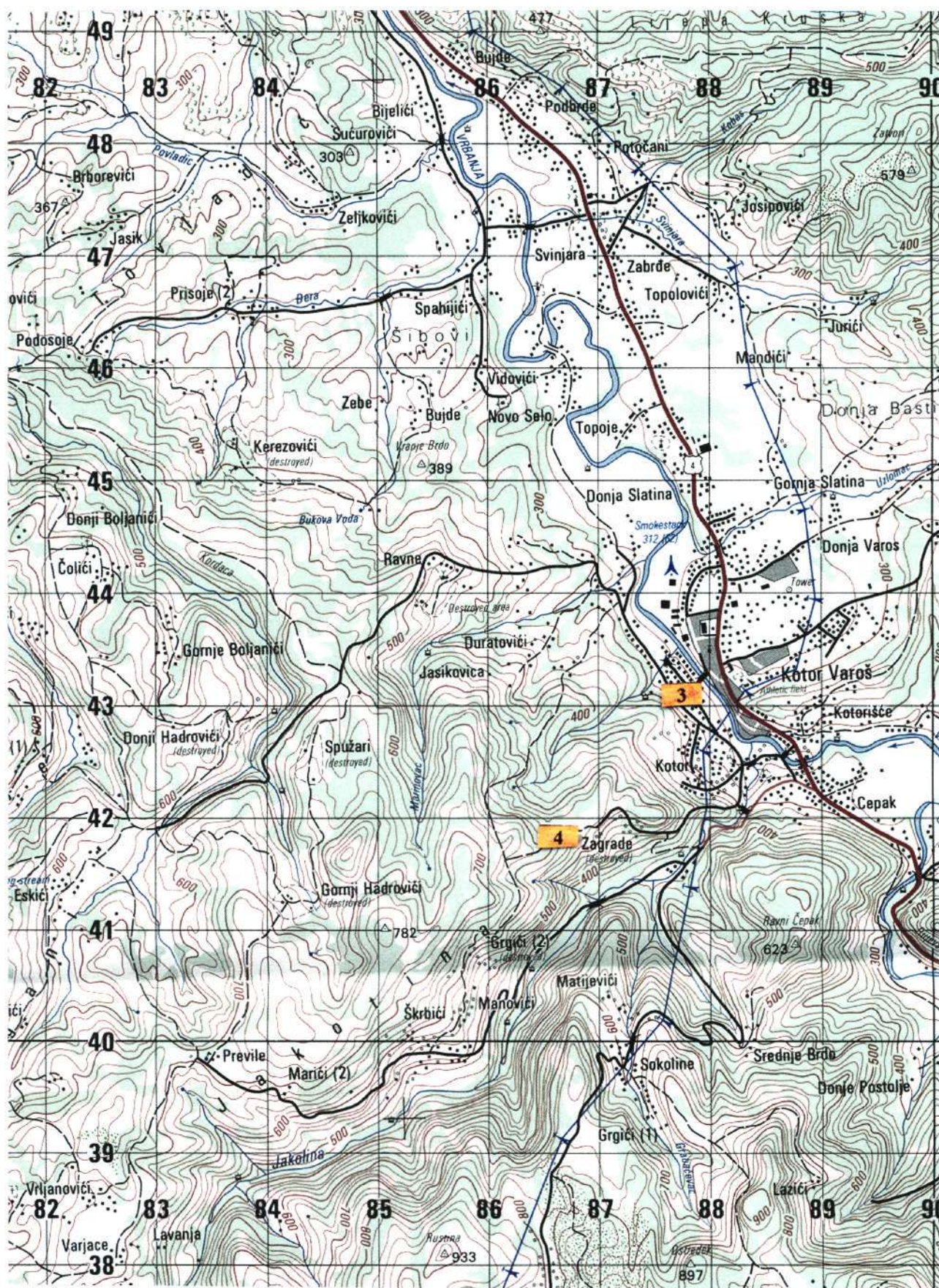


Figure 2. (3) Kukavice (4) Zgrade





Photo 1. Vrbanjci Site.



Photo 2. Hrvacani Site.



Photo 3. Exhumation in progress at Hrvacani Site.



Photo 4. Geraldine Hodgson at work at Kukavice Site.





Photo 5. Zagrade Site.



Photo 6. Geraldine Hodgson working in Zagrade Site grave.