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 CROATIAN COMMUNITY OF HERCEG-BOSNA  
 Coat of arms  
 CROATIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL

CROATIAN REPUBLIC OF HERCEG-BOSNA  
 RELOCATED OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Number: 01-259/93  
 Busovača, 9 September 1993

TO: - OPERATIONS ZONE CENTRAL BOSNIA  
 Colonel Tihomir BLAŠKIĆ – VITEZ  
 - "VITEŠKA" BRIGADE – VITEZ  
 - MTD /Mixed Artillery Battalion/ of 4<sup>th</sup> LTRT  
 /expansion unknown/ - PZO /anti-aircraft defence/  
 - LIGHT ASSAULT BATTALION – BUSOVAČA  
 - "TVRTKOVCÍ"  
 - PPN /Special Purpose Unit/ "VITEZOVI"  
 - 4<sup>th</sup> Company of "FRANKOPAN" BRIGADE  
 - PZO Platoon of "TRAVNIČKA" BRIGADE

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RE: Public commendation of participants in the  
 operation to liberate GRBAVICA

Two days of heavy battle with the Muslim forces in the wider region of Vitez municipality resulted in the liberation of the infamous enemy stronghold of GRBAVICA, yesterday, on 8 September, in the afternoon. In the place where for several months the hated flag with lilies was flown now flies the banner of Croatian people, the CROATIAN STANDARD. Dozens of our youths, civilians, elderly people and children were being perfidiously killed in the last few months by Muslim snipers who were hiding behind the UNPROFOR's barbed wire. Today this is past because GRBAVICA is strongly a part of Croatian Republic of Herceg-Bosna. Muslim leaders have been giving false hope to Muslim extremists in Mahala that they would be coming soon. Who will be coming soon is us, so Mahala can start counting its last days. It is the right of the Croatian people to defend its centuries-old areas and return under the fold of Croatian Republic of Herceg-Bosna not only the areas of Vitez but also that of other municipalities.

- Brilliant victory of Croatian soldiers of Lašva valley truly means a huge turnaround in the unstoppable strengthening of the Croatian spirit. The Croatian people are proud to have so courageous and determined Croatian sons.

In the name of Croatian people whose hearts are beating for HVO units of the Operations Zone Central Bosnia, lead by Colonel BLAŠKIĆ all participants in the remarkable success of Croatian soldiers starting from the special purpose units

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"TVRTKOVCII", Light Assault Battalion, Vitezovi, MTD, 4<sup>th</sup> LTRT of PZO, 4<sup>th</sup> Company of "Frankopan" Brigade, together with members of "Viteška" Brigade, through the artillery forces, anti-aircraft defence and all the others who gave their contribution to this historical victory are hereby PUBLICALLY COMMENDED.

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