

## Memory Service for the murdered children at Gorazdevac



**16 years passed since the suffering of Serbian children at Gorazdevac by August 13, 2019.**

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