

Dear Supporters and Colleagues

At last . . .

On 21st June 2009, a high quality British newspaper "**THE OBSERVER**" alerted its readers to an appalling crime.

The article by *Isobel Fonseca*, the well known author of "Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies and their Journey" also gave advance notice of the imminent release of a new "**Human Rights Watch**" report produced by *their Balkan researcher, Wanda Troszczyńska Van Genderen*

- 1) Please read the article
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/jun/21/kosovo-lead-mitrovica-poison>
- 2) Forward this mail to all your colleagues, both at home and abroad.
- 3) Take Action Yourself.

Please - Write to your official representatives and demand that your government no longer stand by inactive. Demand a reply. Accept no excuses.

The abject failure of the UN and our own governments to take any responsibility for the deaths of these innocents, or act to save them, must not be allowed to continue even one more day. Children and babies in these camps are dying as surely as if they were in a house fire. We must not allow the authorities to tell them "You must stay until we build you a new home". By that time, many more will be dead!"

They must be evacuated now to a place of safety and given proper medical treatment.

Read the words of their own leader. "**All we need is treatment for our children**" *Skender Gusani, overall Camp Leader (written on 19th June 2009 for International Refugee Day)*. Children cannot be treated successfully in, or afterwards returned to a highly contaminated site.

ASK THE QUESTION - WHERE ARE THE AMBULANCES?

The latest victim in a continuing cascade of 82 deaths, a 3 day-old baby whose parents lived for years in Osterode Camp, was buried just yesterday. A well-informed Roma close to the situation in the camps, reported that the doctor who examined the child after it was rushed to Kraguevac hospital in Serbia, said it had a excessively small brain and kidney damage. These are typical symptoms of severe lead poisoning. The child's mother had never received any treatment for lead poisoning in spite of accepting relocation to Mahalla a year ago.

Visit www.toxicwastekills.com to read more. See Films about the scandal at www.filmsthatcount.com

TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE THESE CHILDREN

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