

First of all, I would like to express my sincere regret and remorse for what I have done to my fellow citizens and friends at the elementary school. I'm aware of the fact that the fact that my best friend was killed and the fact that I was drunk can in no way serve as a justification for what I have done there. I am convinced that even my late friend, Dušan Mijanić, with whom I have spent unforgettable days as a student, would not find words to justify my conduct. Unfortunately, I became aware of all this only afterwards, and although it was immediately clear to me that it was impossible to make up for what I have done, my conscience led me to at least extend my apologies to the people whom I had hurt.

I have done that, but in addition to my sincere regret and remorse and personal apology that I extended to them, I was still haunted by guilt and it continues so until this day.

As regards the interview I gave to the Prosecutor, one should bear in mind that I gave that interview immediately after being the first to come voluntarily to The Hague at the time when The Hague Tribunal was a taboo topic in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that for me, the mere fact of voluntary surrender was too great a burden so that I did not have enough strength or courage to do an additional step and immediately admit my guilt.

This is why I value even more the fact that you allowed me to once again publicly extend apology to all of them. Thank you.