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Wiesenthal Center Urges Danish Authorities to Quickly Investigate Evidence of Holocaust Crimes in Belarus by Danish Volunteers

Jerusalem – The Simon Wiesenthal Center today called upon the Danish authorities to investigate the recent findings of the book **A School of Violence** by Danish historians Therkel Strait and Dennis Larsen who found evidence of active participation in the persecution and murder of Jews in several locations in Belarus by Danish volunteers, at least two of whom are currently alive and living in Denmark.

In a letter sent to Danish Justice Minister Mette Frederiksen by its chief Nazi-hunter Israel director Dr. Efraim Zuroff, the Center emphasized the need for a quick and comprehensive investigation to help achieve justice in this case.

According to Zuroff:

"Last week, a new book by Danish historians Therkel Straede and Dennis Larsen entitled in English translation "A School of Violence," revealed that at least two of the hundreds of Danes who volunteered for the Danish Free Corps and actively participated in the persecution and murder of hundreds of Jews in a camp in Bobruisk, Belarus are currently alive and living in Denmark. In addition, Strait and Larsen found evidence that Danes were active participants in the murder of Jews elsewhere as well.

"These findings clearly deserve to be quickly and fully investigated with a view towards the possible prosecution of those war criminals still alive and healthy enough to be brought to justice. In that respect, it is important to remember that the passage of time in no way diminishes the guilt of the perpetrators of Holocaust crimes and that old age should not afford them protection."

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