

PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS

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1-Engineering Samuel Mandili,¹ writes on February 20th, 1945 in newspaper “Bashkimi”: "All Jews who came from Albania were saved thanks to the generous goodness of the Albanian people who considered the moral duty to protect all persecuted immigrants in their homes [...] this miraculous and noble attitude of the Albanian people must be recognized because they deserve all the world’s gratitude and of every educated man [...]"²

2- "The documents and testimonies at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, where the names of 2264 Jews saved by Albanians are listed, testify to these facts. Thus, the official list at Yad Vashem Museum in Jerusalem lists the names of 63 Albanians who rescued refugees Jews before and during World War II. Moreover, Yad Vashem, after knowing about thirty Albanian families (63 people) in the Right among Nations, photographer Norman Gershman, after five years of continuous work, gathered evidence that over 150 families protected Jews during the Nazi invasion, and many other reports that need to be confirmed."³

Anti-Semitic laws have never been approved in Albania, concentration camps have never been built and there have never been Holocaust victims. One of the many testimonies of the lack of anti-Semitic sentiments was offered directly by the American ambassador to Albania, Herman Bernstein, a Jewish man who wrote in 1934: "There is no trace of discrimination against Jews in Albania, since Albania is one of rare places in Europe today where prejudice and racial hatred do not exist, even though Albanians belonged to three religious beliefs ..."⁴

The list of European Hebrews compiled in the Wannsee’s Conference, January 1942. Albania is listed from Nazi authorities as a country where live 200 Hebrews.⁵

¹ A distinguished survivor from Hebrew community of Albania.

² Newspaper “Bashkimi”, 20 February, 1945

³ Shaban Sinani: Albanians and Hebrews, protection and rescuing of Hebrews in Albania. Publish House “Naimi”, 2014.

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⁵ Albanian Central Archives.

L a n d	Zahl
A. Altreich	131.800
Ostmark	43.700
Ostgebiete	420.000
Generalgouvernement	2.284.000
Bialystok	400.000
Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren	74.200
Estland - judenfrei -	
Lettland	3.500
Litauen	34.000
Belgien	43.000
Dänemark	5.600
Frankreich / Besetztes Gebiet	165.000
Unbesetztes Gebiet	700.000
Griechenland	69.600
Niederlande	160.800
Norwegen	1.300
B. Bulgarien	48.000
England	330.000
Finnland	2.300
Irland	4.000
Italien einschl. Sardinien	58.000
Albanien	200
Kroatien	40.000
Portugal	3.000
Rumänien einschl. Bessarabien	342.000
Schweden	8.000
Schweiz	18.000
Serbien	10.000
Slowakei	88.000
Spanien	6.000
Türkei (europ. Teil)	55.500
Ungarn	742.800
UdSSR	5.000.000
Ukraine	2.994.684
Weißrußland aus- schl. Bialystok	446.484
Zusammen: über	11.000.000