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Subject: Concerning "Holocaust Survivors' Network"

Dear Sir or Madam,

We want to inform you with this letter that we highly protest against the defamation of Mr. Solly Ganor on the webpage of the "Holocaust Survivors' Network" (www.isurvived.org).

Solly Ganor is a survivor of the Holocaust and the Stutthof and Dachau concentration camps. His story is set down in his book "Light one Candle" where he writes about his experiences during the Holocaust. Today Mr. Ganor is very actively engaged in Holocaust education.

In chapter V, the authors of the webpage of the "Holocaust Survivors' Network" argue that Solly Ganor is not a survivor of the Holocaust and is just seeking for fame. It is absolutely unacceptable that Mr. Ganor reputation is harmed in this or any other way. There can be no doubt about the authenticity of his biography.

The "Holocaust Survivors' Network" was asked several times to take these texts off the internet. Since these pages are still accessible we would like to ask you to inform about this attempt of harm to the reputation of Mr. Ganor. You will find a letter that was written to the operators of the webpage as an attachment to this email.

Sincerely,
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To whom it may concern,

This is to protest with vigour against chapter V "The Holocaust Controversy Page" of your web-site "I survived the 20th Century Holocaust". It is inconceivable that you dare to spread your slander story titled "The Solly Ganor Case of Deceit: Solly Ganor the Lithuanian Holocaust Survivor, Seeking Fame and Glory out of the Ashes of the Holocaust" in the name of Holocaust survivors and supposedly in their interest. It is proven irrefutably by documentary evidence that Solly Ganor (Zali Genkind) was deported together with his father from Stutthof concentration camp to Dachau concentration camp on August 18th, 1944

The content of his book "Light one Candle" which has been published in Germany by the prestigious Fischer Taschenbuchverlag in Frankfurt (Das Andere Leben, 1997) has been confirmed by other Lithuanian survivors as well as by historian specialists.

Mr. Ganor has been in Germany on various occasions. He has met with students and other groups, has had discussions with groups and individuals and spoke of his traumatic experiences as victim of the Holocaust. Again and again his audience was deeply impressed by his sincerity and his gift for finding words to describe boundless suffering. "Präzise Erinnerungsprosa precise prose of recollection" read one newspaper headline.

As the director of the Dachau concentration camp memorial site I object firmly to your outrageous attempt to damage the reputation of the Nazi victim and Holocaust survivor Solly Ganor. There are laws in Germany which make slander of Holocaust victims a punishable offence. I cannot take legal proceedings against you. But I will send copy of this letter to all institutions related to the history of the Nazi Holocaust in the USA.

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