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Historical building of the City hall, Brčko

Country or territory:
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Name and address of building(s) or site: HISTORICAL BUILDING OF THE CITY HALL ,
Brčko

Inventory reference number(s): Provisional List of National Monuments
No.:129

Building type(s): Administrative - City hall

Main date(s): Constructed in 1892.

Current use(s): Educational and cultural – gallery and library

Significance:

The Town Hall in Brčko was built in 1892 using a design by Ćiril Metod Iveković. It is one of the finest buildings in the pseudo-Moorish manner in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The street facade is of particular value, with its marked horizontality enhanced by the equally spaced rows of windows, string courses marking the storeys, and alternating bands of stone and brick. The horizontality is not disrupted either by the symmetry of the entrance frontispiece or the vertical projections – a wider central vertical and two smaller lateral verticals. The entire composition is subordinate to the need to establish perfect symmetry. On the upper levels of the verticals, there are biforas with striking rosettes above. The arched domes above the lateral verticals, the horseshoe arches above the windows, the relief ornamental design below the roof cornice, etc., are the distinctive features of buildings in the pseudo-Moorish expression in the historicist period in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Categories of significance:

Of outstanding national importance

Categories of ownership or interest:

Of national interest

Documentation and bibliographic references:

Commission to Preserve National Monuments

Condition:

Very bad

Amount of war or associated damage:

Suffered more than 30% of roof damage, with significant damage of walls, but can be repaired.

Risk:

The Town Hall in Brčko is at risk of rapid deterioration as a result of lack of maintenance and failure to take minimal protection measures.

Condition risk:

Immediate risk of further rapid deterioration or loss of fabric, solution agreed but not implemented.

Technical assessment and costing:

A project for urgent protection measures to prevent further deterioration needs to be done, as well as projects for next phases of protection – sanitation, conservation and restoration.

The following measures should be applied on the National Monument:

- structural repairs and restoration to its original appearance with all the structural elements of the building as they were: roof, foundations, walls, ceilings, and all interior and exterior elements;
- structural repairs and restoration shall be carried out by consolidation of existing material or its replacement by material of the same type, same dimensions and form with the use of the same building techniques wherever possible, on the basis of documentation on its original form ;
- prior to the start of structural restoration works the structural stability of the building shall be studied;
- structural consolidation of all walls and structural elements;
- consolidation of existing stones by injection or replacement by identical stones;
- structural repairs to all floor and roof structures, replacing age-dilapidated material with the same material of the same dimensions, worked in the same way and using the same techniques;
- restore authentic arrangement;
- plaster all interior walls with lime plaster made by old methods and whitewash all walls;
- repair all woodwork, replace rotten parts and treat with natural protective substances.

Costing proposals for projects and consolidation and restoration works have not been done.

Ownership:

Owned by the Municipality.

Occupation:

Fully occupied in regular use

Management:

The provisions relating to the protection and rehabilitation measures set forth by the Law on the Implementation of the Decisions of the Commission to Preserve National Monuments, established pursuant to Annex 8 of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina, no. 2/02) shall apply to the National Monument.

The Government of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Government of Brčko District) shall be responsible for ensuring the legal, scientific, technical, administrative and financial measures necessary to protect, conserve, present and rehabilitate the National Monument.

The Government of Brčko District shall be responsible for providing the resources for drawing up and implementing the necessary technical documentation for the rehabilitation of the National Monument.

Summary:

It is one of the finest buildings in the pseudo-Moorish manner in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Regional Plan for BiH to 2000 classified the City hall in Brčko as category II – object of regional importance.

The priority level of intervention is *high*.

NOTE:

Condition

Very bad

Condition risk

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Criteria employed for the Priority Intervention List:

- The monuments are designated as national monuments,
- They represent rare or unique examples of the typology or chronological - stylistic corpus,
- They were damaged/destroyed during the 1992-1995 war in BiH or they were endangered by the post war conditions (illegal constructions, lack of funding for restoration and maintenance, inexpert reconstruction,) and are subject to further deterioration,
- Their restoration will encourage the return process in BiH,
- Their restoration will support development of the region.

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