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Roma: A people without a land

Good Afternoon, Roma!

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In a dream

I am producing a radio-program in Romani.

I am listening to my voice:

"Good afternoon, Roma and children!

Good health and luck to you!"

Studio, microphone, music.

Gadze dance with us.

Gadze laugh with us.

I am happy.

In a dream

I am producing a radio-program in Romani.

I am listening to my voice:

"Flee Roma! Flee children!

Flee as far as you can!"

Bombs, guns, knives.

The Gadze beat us.

The Gadze kill us.

I am devastated.



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Top: Bulgarian Roma women react as an excavator demolishes their house in a Roma suburb in the town of Maglitzh.. Above: A Roma woman and her child beg for money in the old town of Warsaw. Left: Roma refugees from Kosovo drink water at the Vrela Ribnicka camp in Podgorica.