

In late 2007, the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC) sent Seyfeddin Kara to investigate the conditions affecting Roma in Bulgaria, the majority of whom, are Muslims.

This report combines the findings of two field trips and includes a small history of the Muslim presence, Roma and otherwise in Bulgaria. It is hoped that this publication will bring attention to a community beset with layers of discrimination against them. Both Muslim and Christian Roma face appalling conditions and intense discrimination. However there are Muslim-specific problems that intensify the experience of Muslim Roma.

The European Union, in which Bulgaria enjoys membership, boasts of its standards of living and its human rights values. As the report demonstrates, neither of these apply to the Roma of Bulgaria – and this is much to Europe’s shame.

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