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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Angelina Jolie has been given back a permit to film in Bosnia that was briefly withdrawn because of rumors that her movie featured a rape victim who falls in love with her assailant, her producer said Monday.

Jolie was given back the permit for her first project as a director after the country's culture minister was given the script in an attempt to assure him the rumors were false, said Edin Sarkic, Jolie's Bosnian producer. The minister did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Mass rape was a taboo topic in the immediate aftermath of the country's 1992-95 war between Serb and Bosnian Muslim forces but since then victims have formed a group to campaign for their rights, which has become one of the country's most powerful lobbies.

The Association of Women Victims of War protested Jolie's production after hearing rumors that the film's main characters — a Bosnian woman and a Serb man

— were a rape victim and rapist.

Culture minister Gavriilo Grahovac pulled the filming permit Wednesday.

Sarkic said that the newly restored permit will allow Jolie and her crew to start filming in Sarajevo in November. They are currently filming in Hungary. He said the whole controversy was "unnecessary".

Bakira Hasecic, leader of the association, told The Associated Press that she had tried to meet Jolie since August, when she first heard the rumors about the film's plot.

"We expect to meet with her now finally and we hope she will convince us that what we were suspecting and what we were afraid of is not true," Hasecic said.

Jolie said in a written statement Friday that it would be a shame if "unfair pressure based on wrong information" prevented her crew from shooting her film, whose title hasn't been publicly released.

"My hope is that people will hold judgment until they have seen the film," Jolie said.

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Scott Mendelson: Smoke, but No Fire: Bosnian Activist Group 'Women Victims of War' Attacks Angelina Jolie Over Made-up Concerns Regarding Her New Film

To attack someone who has been an advocate for refugees because of fabricated concerns about sympathetic treatment of rapists in a film they haven't seen, from a script they haven't read, is absurd and counterproductive.

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What was that all about?!Glad to see all has been resolved.

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12:29 AM on 10/19/2010

ANGELINAAAAA: I LOVE YOUUUUUUU!!!

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Here is the link (better) -- Brad and Angie Kiss. So sweet!

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Do you want to give all these haters on here a heart attack?

(Don't answer that.)

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Yes-- I especially wanted the haters to see Brad enjoying those luscious, pillowy Jolie lips.

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ha ha it's started...just as I had predicted! Guess the next pics will be the kids in bosniak-serb style clothes or st.gina looking "humane" with the locals...predictable stuff.

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Wonderful behind the scene shots of Brad and Angie K.I.S.S.I.N.G. Love is good.

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11:17 PM on 10/18/2010

I can't believe all the comments "flagged as abusive" just because they're not kissing Jolie's behind. Actually, nevermind, I can. The same posters who think you must be an Aniston fan just because you don't buy into Jolie's bullsheet.

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09:01 PM on 10/18/2010

I heart Angie. I am goin to make shure that I get the day off from work when this movie premieres.

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But will you do with the rest of your day, Thumb? I think the movie will be maybe 2 hours at most if it ever gets made and released.

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You might want to get a tent and camp out a few days before hand, kind of like if you were going to a U2 concert or something. :-)

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02:19 PM on 10/18/2010

The Bosnian women's group checked Angelina Jolie's Hollywood arrogance!! Why did she refuse to

meet with the women's group when they asked months ago? That's the real story, not Jolie personally but the general Hollywood arrogance of exploiting other people's lives and stories. It would seem like a basic courtesy and useful research, but Jolie seems to care about neither. Jolie underestimated them because it sounds like they were behind the permit pull. They seem frustrated that she is exploiting their experiences without really understanding them as people. Now she has to show them some respect. Well played, ladies.

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happycat

No bio needed. My cuteness speaks for itself.

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Very good comment.

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Well stated! She has spent little time in the country, smiled at some old ladies, kissed some babies, and then jetted off to her lavish home in France. She is indeed exploiting these people and their experience. I'm glad the women exerted their new-found political influence. I hope they continue to do so.

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LOL what influence? They made a lot of noise to no purpose. They didn't even manage to delay filming the movie. I'd have a lot more respect for those women if they had researched the film instead of listening to some stupid rumors and shooting their mouths off. A lot of good it did them.

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I rant ... therefore, I am.

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As if they were gonna say no to Saint Angelina ... PUH-leeeeeeeeeez!

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Yeah. the haters dont get all of Angies good works.

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Edera

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Why do people always have to say it's a PR stunt whenever a celebrity SIMPLY DOES something. They said Angelina kissing Brad on this movie's set was for publicity. How dare they! I bet they don't do this at home.

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I'd personally love to see more PDA, it's only been a looong six years.

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Man of Mystery

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Some money exchanged hands...

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Unless you're prepared to back that up with some hard evidence, what you just posted is slander, pure and simple.

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Puller58, you may want to reconsider posting defamatory accusations about criminal behavior on the internet.

It seems pretty clear what happened here when a rumor was started for perhaps nefarious reasons but it has since been cleared up and, in all fairness, you need to cease with your baseless libel.

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David Rozgonyi

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As a US expat living in hungary and having traveled many times to bosnia and sarajevo (the country and city are stunning and beautiful; the people warm; the history rich and tragic), I am eagerly awaiting her film. That I'm a big Angie fan is beside the point; I'd see it no matter who made it. Except perhaps Oliver Stone. Or M. Night. Hmmm....

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Rozanna

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I am not eagerly awaiting the film, but I agree with you about Bosnia. Hungary is also a lovely place with fine people, so you are lucky to be living there.

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I agree about living in Hungary; I do love it. Why aren't you awaiting the movie??

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Was in Bosnia in August and what a wonderful and interesting place.

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Sounds like a publicity ploy to get people familiar with the film. With hundreds of millions of dollars invested, today's movies need all the help they can get.

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We are talking about Angelina Jolie, people love her around the world. This news went around the world in seconds the first day of filming, no need to hire a pr camp when she generates so much attention on a daily basis.

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She is but the film isn't known yet. Big names' films flop all the time.

And PR genius is the secret behind her tremendous success.

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Angelina's film only has a budget of \$15 million. It's not going to be a big Hollywood blockbuster kind of movie.

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Phxgwen

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I suppose when the movie is released as a small independent film with limited release (probably smaller than A Mighty Heart) they will claim it was due to the quality instead of being announced as such from the beginning.

The amount of hatred people feel toward Jolie seem to alter their ability to read articles and process information correctly.

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"It's a wartime love story between a Bosnian woman and a Serb man" and who could object to that? I supported her right to make a movie as she saw fit, but hope it will show the plight of those women who were raped, with dignity.
I WILL see the film.

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Great!

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*You're gonna find yourself somewhere,
somehow ...*

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I knew this would happen ...

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