

## PROVISIONS

Collecting food and provisions is an alternative to shopping. A variety of things found in garbage cans, such as old food, pieces of clothing or other objects which have been placed next to the containers for the taking are used in daily life. Superfluous objects are sold at the flea market or traded with neighbors and relatives.

### LOCAL SUPPLIES

There are several possibilities inside the settlement for grocery shopping. A handful of stores have fruit, vegetables, sausage, bread, flour, sugar, sweets, soft drinks, coffee, alcohol and cigarettes, although the inhabitants complain about the poor quality coupled with the high prices. Packaged goods are around two-thirds more expensive, sometimes even twice as much as in the stores and at the markets outside of the settlement. Despite the enormous price differences a considerable number of the residents buy at these stores at least now and then. If only a small thing is missing they prefer to send the children only a few houses away rather than having them go out of the settlement.

In summer traders who have come to Belgrade in order to sell seasonal fruit and vegetables at the markets or on street corners, ply their goods in front of their houses. Also from time to time traveling salesmen make a stopover in Gazela.

### IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

Round about the settlement there are a number of shopping possibilities. The nearest are the kiosk at the bus stop, where the residents primarily buy cigarettes, soft drinks and sweets, as well as the neighboring snack stand.

Besides this, in the vicinity of the settlement there are also bakeries and mini-markets which largely cover the palette of basic daily needs. Whoever needs a greater variety has to walk about 10 minutes to the *Super Vero*, which is a large-scale supermarket. Quite near there is a lively open-air market *Buvlja Pijaca* which provides all sorts of goods but only sells fresh produce on Saturdays. Along the *Treći bulevar*, the street which leads to *Buvlja*, flea market traders, many of them residents from Gazela, offer their wares every day of the week ₺.

Some kilometers from the settlement, in *BLOK 70*, is the *kineski tržni centar* (Chinese shopping center) where Chinese immigrants deal in imported goods from the Far East. The extremely cheap prices for textiles make it possible now and then for the inhabitants to buy themselves new pieces of clothing. ■

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