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Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide: A Global Appeal for Truth, Memory, and Justice

On 11 July 2025, dignitaries, survivors, diplomats, and citizens gathered at the Srebrenica-Potočari Memorial Centre to mark the 30th anniversary of the genocide committed against Bosniak men and boys in the former UN-declared safe zone of Srebrenica in July 1995. The solemn commemoration took place under the shadow of historical accountability, renewed international recognition, and enduring calls for justice. The 2025 commemoration was

particularly significant as it followed the adoption of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 78/282 in May 2024, which established 11 July as the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica. The resolution, reaffirmed the international community's commitment to acknowledging the crime of genocide, combating denial and revisionism, and promoting education and remembrance as essential tools for prevention.



Commemoration in Srebrenica



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Speakers at the commemoration included Hamdija Fejzić, President of the Organizing Committee; Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Denis Bećirović; Prime Minister of Croatia Andrej Plenković; High Representative Christian Schmidt; President of the European Council António Costa; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Lars Løkke Rasmussen; Vice President and Foreign Minister of Montenegro Ervin Ibrahimović; Minister for European Affairs of France Benjamin Haddad, delivering remarks on behalf of President Emmanuel Macron; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden Maria Malmer Stenergard; and European Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos. Also addressing the audience were Munira Subašić, President of the Mothers of Srebrenica and Žepa Enclaves Association; Serge Brammertz, Chief Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals; and Graciela Gatti Santana, President of the Mechanism. Statements were delivered on behalf of international leaders, including HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, speaking on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom; President of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen;

President of Türkiye Recep Tayyip Erdoğan; and Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye Numan Kurtulmuş. A recorded message was also shared by NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, reflecting on the enduring connection between the Netherlands and Srebrenica. Across all addresses, speakers reaffirmed the moral and historical importance of acknowledging the genocide as a crime against humanity. The necessity of combating denial, preventing the glorification of war criminals, and supporting transitional justice mechanisms was consistently underscored. As many emphasized, remembrance must be accompanied by unwavering commitment to truth, education, and the pursuit of justice.

The 30th anniversary was not only a day of remembrance, but also a reaffirmation of the principles of truth, justice, and dignity. By elevating the voices of survivors and reaffirming institutional commitments—from the United Nations to the European Union—the ceremony in Potočari underscored the indispensable role of memory in building a peaceful and just future. It was a reminder that “never again” is not merely a phrase of mourning, but a responsibility shared by all.



Commemorative Concert at Sarajevo City Hall Delivered Messages of Compassion, Peace, and Hope

On July 10, 2025, a commemorative concert marking the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Bosniaks of the UN Safe Zone of Srebrenica was held at Sarajevo City Hall. The event was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Embassy of the Republic of Italy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the City of Sarajevo. The concert featured renowned Italian flautist Maestro Andrea Griminelli, who has collaborated with many world-famous orchestras and conductors.



Maestro Griminelli and the string quintet of the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation Orchestra

He performed alongside the string quintet of the Luciano Pavarotti Foundation Orchestra. The concert carried not only artistic value but served as a powerful act of remembrance and a voice for those who can no longer speak. Maestro Andrea Griminelli expressed his honor to be part of the event, stating that music—especially instrumental—has the power to convey messages of peace and hope. He noted that the flute's vibrations reach directly into the heart and evoke positive emotions. He invited citizens to attend the concert and pledged to deliver a powerful message of peace.

Hosts of the commemorative concert included Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Elmedin Konaković, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Bosnia and Herzegovina Sara Eti Castellani, and the Mayor of Sarajevo Predrag Puharić, each of whom underscored the profound symbolic, cultural, and moral significance of remembrance through art.



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Commemorative Concert at Sarajevo City Hall

The International Day of Remembrance for the Srebrenica Genocide in New York

Minister Konaković paid an official visit to New York from July 6 to 9, 2025, to mark the International Day of Remembrance and Commemoration of the 1995 Srebrenica Genocide, which was held at the United Nations headquarters. The central commemoration, titled “Our Story, Our Promise,” took place on July 8 at the UN headquarters, with the presence of senior officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina, United Nations representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, and associations representing Srebrenica

victims. As part of the program, tribute was paid to the victims of the genocide, and the importance of international solidarity in combating the systematic denial of historical crimes was reaffirmed. On July 7, Minister Konaković also participated in and spoke at the opening of the exhibition “The Legacy of Hope After the Srebrenica Genocide: A Journey of a New Generation,” which was held at the UN headquarters in New York. The exhibition showcases how younger generations continue to build a culture of remembrance and



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Exhibition “Scarves of Remembrance”

promote the values of peace, tolerance, and mutual respect. In his speech, the minister emphasized that the exhibition is not merely a collection of stories and images but a living testimony to survival, truth, and dignity. He called for a continued fight against denial and for preserving the truth as a foundation for a more just future.

As part of his visit to New York, Minister Konaković also attended the opening of the exhibition “Scarves of Remembrance” held at the premises of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye to the UN. This exhibition is dedicated to the women—the Mothers of Srebrenica—and through photographic portraits and personal stories, it documents their decades-long struggle for justice and remembrance of their loved ones, victims of the genocide committed in July 1995.

He noted that the Mothers of Srebrenica have become the moral compass of our time and that commemoration is not just an act of honoring the past but also a call for vigilance, as the ideologies that led to the genocide, unfortunately, have not been left in the past.

During the visit, the minister also toured the Srebrenica Memorial Center’s exhibition at the UN titled “From Words to Violence: Lives Behind the Killing Fields,” which was officially opened on June 17 and is displayed in the main visitor hall at the UN headquarters. Through personal stories and authentic portrayals, the exhibition offers a deep reflection on the consequences of genocide, calling for accountability, education, and a resolute fight against genocide denial and the distortion of historical facts.

**Commemoration at the UN Headquarters in Vienna**

Conference Held at the UN Headquarters in Vienna to Mark the International Day of Remembrance for the Srebrenica Genocide

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE, the UN, and other international organizations in Vienna, together with the Bosnian Academic Society in the EU (BADEU), organized a conference on July 11, 2025, at the United Nations headquarters in Vienna to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide.

In her opening speech, the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE and the UN in Vienna, Ambassador Danka Savić, spoke about the importance of establishing the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in 1996, the survivors' struggle, court rulings related to Srebrenica, and other steps that preceded the adoption of the Resolution on Srebrenica and the decision of the former High Representative Valentin Inzko to amend the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina, making denial, minimization, justification, or glorification of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity—confirmed by final court rulings—a criminal offense punishable by law.

In addition to Ambassador Savić, the event was addressed by the Head of the European Union Delegation to the UN in Vienna, Ambassador Carl Hallergard; Professor Wolfgang Benedek, member of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy at the University of Graz; Sonja Biserko, President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia; Billy Batware, representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Siradj Duhan, President of the Bosnian Academic Society in the EU. The day before, at the Hofburg, the OSCE headquarters in Vienna, ambassadors and diplomats paid tribute to the victims of

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Srebrenica, and during the regular session of the OSCE Permanent Council, a photograph titled Mothers of Srebrenica by Almin Zrno was displayed on the monitor.

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**Commemoration in Vienna**

"In Pursuit of Justice" Panel Held at the University of Vienna

Marking 30 years since the genocide in the UN-protected zone of Srebrenica, a powerful panel discussion titled "In Pursuit of Justice" was held at the University of Vienna, bringing together survivors, legal experts, and community representatives. The keynote speaker, Alan Tieger, former lead prosecutor at the ICTY in the Mladić and Karadžić cases, exposed the systematic efforts to conceal the genocide and emphasized that, despite denial, the truth prevailed

and justice was served. Survivor testimonies from Hurem Avdić and social worker Azra Merdžan highlighted the human cost of the atrocities, while Ramiz Salkić stressed the ongoing fight against genocide denial. Organized by Consilium Bosniacum, the event reaffirmed a collective commitment to remembrance, justice, and the enduring truth of Srebrenica.

European Parliament: Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

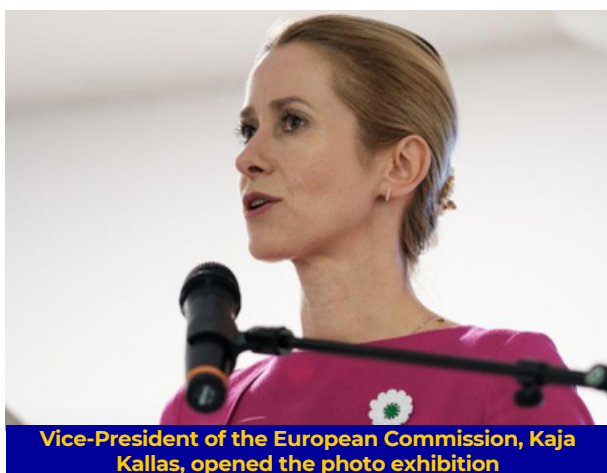
President Metsola led members in commemorating the 1995 Srebrenica genocide, where thousands of Bosnian Muslims were murdered or disappeared, and tens of thousands more were forcibly expelled from the enclave. Tragically many victims remain unidentified. MEPs paid homage to two survivors of the massacre, Lamasa and Almir Salihović, who were present in the hemicycle.



Commemoration in the European Parliament

"This House honours you and all survivors, just as we continue to keep the memories of the victims alive", Metsola said. This news item shows extracts from the Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

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Vice-President of the European Commission, Kaja Kallas, opened the photo exhibition

EEAS: 30th Anniversary Commemoration

To mark the significant 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide in 2025, the European External Action Service (EEAS) organized two major commemorative events. On 25 June 2025, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission, Kaja Kallas, opened the photo exhibition "MEMENTO: Fragments of the Srebrenica Genocide" at the EEAS headquarters, presenting a powerful collection of portraits of survivors and objects recovered from mass graves, each accompanied by personal testimonies.

On 1 July 2025, the EEAS hosted a screening of the documentary "Samir Mehic Bowie - Letters from Srebrenica" at Bozar, followed by an expert roundtable discussion exploring themes of resilience, friendship, and moral courage in the face of genocide. These events were developed in partnership with the Post-Conflict Research Center from Sarajevo, the Memorial Center Srebrenica and the Mechanism Information Programme for Affected Communities from The Hague.

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Remembrance as a Moral Imperative – Marking 30 Years Since the Genocide in Srebrenica

To mark 30 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, the EU in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with the Srebrenica Memorial Centre and BIRN BiH, organized a series of youth-focused events under the title "Imagine a World in Which..." to honour victims and challenge denial, hatred, and injustice. Activities included a panel discussion, the exhibition "Born After", and the screening of the documentary "Samir Mehic Bowie – Letters from Srebrenica".



Youth-focused events under the title "Imagine a World in Which..."

EU Ambassador Luigi Soreca emphasized the importance of giving space to young voices to engage creatively with the past and shape the future. The events showcased the role of multimedia and storytelling in peacebuilding and remembrance, with youth from Srebrenica and Sarajevo reflecting on memory, reconciliation, and resilience. Through portraits, animated films, and personal stories, a new generation is reclaiming the narrative—not only remembering, but resisting forgetting.

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Memorial to the Victims of the Srebrenica Genocide Unveiled in the Heart of Paris

To mark the 30th anniversary of the genocide against Bosniaks, a memorial dedicated to the victims of Srebrenica was unveiled at Père Lachaise Cemetery in Paris, following a decision by the Paris City Council and with the support of Mayor Anne Hidalgo. The initiative was launched by the NGO Solidarity with Bosnia and Herzegovina (SIBH-France), and the



monument was created by sculptor Admir Halilović. Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Denis Bećirović, expressed gratitude to France for co-sponsoring the UN General Assembly Resolution on Srebrenica, and emphasized that the monument in Paris stands as a lasting tribute to the only genocide committed on European soil after 1945.

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Vienna Lays Foundation Stone for Srebrenica Genocide Memorial

On the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, two significant events took place in Vienna, organized by the Bosnian association network Consilium Bosniacum: the laying of the foundation stone for the “Srebrenica Flower” monument and the central commemoration marking the International Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Genocide. Held at United Nations Square on July 6, the ceremony brought together survivors, officials, and supporters, with speeches highlighting the enduring importance of memory,

justice, and human rights. The foundation stone serves as a permanent reminder of the 8,372 Bosniaks killed in July 1995 and a pledge that their memory will not be erased.

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Commemoration in London: Film Screening Marks 30 Years Since the Genocide in Srebrenica

On July 11, 2025, the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in London marked the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide with a commemorative event featuring a screening of a documentary by award-winning journalist Arijana Saračević Helać. Prior to the screening, Ambassador Osman Topčagić and Alisha Patel from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of remembrance, truth, and justice as foundations for peace and coexistence in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



The event also featured a moving art installation by designer Lejla Kevrić, adding a visual tribute to the memory of the victims.

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Maryland Governor Issues Proclamation on Srebrenica; Yale and UNSA Strengthen Research Partnership

The Governor of Maryland, Wes Moore, who was appointed to the White House Council of Governors in February 2025, has issued an official Proclamation on Srebrenica. The Maryland Bosnia and Herzegovina Exchange Council (MBHEC) publicly announced the Proclamation in early July, while the original document was ceremonially handed over to Fazila Efendić, president of the “Srebreničke majke” Association, on July 13 in Potočari.

The University of Sarajevo's Institutional Review Board has approved a partnership between Yale University and UNSA's Faculty of Law for the Peacebuilding Initiative research project. From June 29 to July 14, 2025, fieldwork and public events were held in Bosnia and Herzegovina to mark a milestone in the initiative's efforts. Yale's research team conducted 15 focus groups in Mostar as part of the first phase of the “Building Peace Across Generations” study. This comparative study, in collaboration with Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) and the Institute for Development Impact (I4DI), also includes focus groups in Sarajevo and East Sarajevo. The project is supervised by Professors Catherine Panter-Brick and David Simon. The study's findings will support an upcoming policy brief to be presented at the Dayton Peace Agreement Conference hosted by the University of Sarajevo in November 2025.

Workshop on Genocide Denial Held at University of Sarajevo

A workshop addressing the historical overview and contemporary strategies of genocide denial in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held at the Rectorate of the University of Sarajevo. This event was organized through international cooperation between the Institute for Research of Crimes against Humanity and International Law at the University of Sarajevo, the UNSA Student Parliament, and Yale University's Genocide Studies Program. The workshop was opened by Dr. Muamer Džananović, director of the Institute, with introductory lectures delivered by Dr. David Simon, director of Yale's



Genocide Studies Program, and Dr. Hikmet Karčić, a research associate at the Institute. Discussions focused on the ongoing challenge of genocide denial in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the vital role of education and academic research in combating misinformation. This workshop is part of the commemorations marking 30 years since the Srebrenica genocide, the largest atrocity in Europe since World War II.



Meeting at the Ministry

Meeting with Yale and Institute for Development Impact Representatives

Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Aida Hodžić, recently held a meeting with Dr. David Simon, Director of the Genocide Studies Program at Yale University, along with Dr. Emir Nurkić Kacapor and Mia Bakal from the Institute for Development Impact (I4DI). The discussion focused on ongoing peacebuilding research initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly the collaborative “Building Peace Across Generations” study. The parties explored opportunities for further cooperation to strengthen academic and policy efforts aimed at reconciliation and sustainable peace in the region.

Ms. Hodžić emphasized the importance of international partnerships in addressing the legacy of conflict and promoting inclusive dialogue among generations. The meeting underscores the government's commitment to supporting evidence-based peacebuilding programs and academic collaboration with leading global institutions.





Commemoration of the Srebrenica Genocide in the Bundestag

On Friday, 11 July 2025, Bundestag President Julia Klöckner commemorated the victims of the Srebrenica genocide in her address to the German Parliament. Her speech preceded a formal debate marking the 30th anniversary of the massacre. Klöckner recalled that on 11 July 1995, Bosnian Serb militias overran the UN-protected zone where tens of thousands of Bosnian Muslims had sought refuge. "With brutal force, the attackers separated families and deported women, children, and the elderly. The men and boys were held back—to be systematically executed in the following days," she stated. She paid tribute to the women

survivors who pushed for justice and the recognition of the massacre as genocide, and continue to stand against denial.



Commemoration in Bundestag

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Commemorative event at the North Macedonia's Parliament

North Macedonia's Parliament Holds Commemorative Session for 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

The event gathered Speaker Afrim Gashi, the Head of the Islamic Religious Community Shaqir Fetahu, MPs, representatives of institutions, NGOs, the Bosniak community, and the diplomatic corps. In his address, Speaker Gashi expressed the deep pain still felt thirty years later, stating that the blood has not dried, the tears have not stopped, and the pain remains. He emphasized the lasting memory of the victims,

warning that genocide denial and revisionism remain serious threats today. Referring to the current suffering in Gaza, he drew a parallel to the horrors of Srebrenica. Selma Rizvanović Mandal, from the Srebrenica 30th Anniversary Coordination Body, spoke of the growing organized genocide denial and its dangers. Professor Muamer Džananović highlighted the symbolic power of remembering in official setting and events, stating that memory is not only about the past but a foundation for a just future. North Macedonia adopted a declaration in 2010 supporting the European Parliament's Srebrenica resolution, and since then, 11 July is officially marked as the "Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide" in the country.

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Commemoration of the Srebrenica Genocide Held at the Bosnia and Herzegovina Embassy in Berlin

On 10 July 2025, the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Berlin hosted a commemoration marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide. More than one hundred guests, including representatives of the German Federal Foreign Office led by Minister of State Florian Hahn, members of the Bundestag, the diplomatic corps, citizens of BiH origin, and friends of Bosnia and Herzegovina, gathered to honor the victims.

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Commemoration in Berlin



The Hague: Ceremony Marking the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide Held on 11 July

The ceremony was organized by the Association of Srebrenica Genocide Survivors and the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was attended, among others, by representatives of the Government of the Netherlands, the Mayor of The Hague, ambassadors and representatives of more than 50 countries accredited in the Netherlands, as well as numerous citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Dutch friends of the country. Speeches were delivered by

genocide survivors, the Mayor of The Hague, Mr. Jan van Zanen, and the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Netherlands, Mr. Almir Šahović. In his address, Ambassador Šahović once again emphasized the importance of continued remembrance of the Srebrenica genocide and warned of the dangers posed by the resurgence of radical and extremist forces that deny the genocide and glorify war criminals and their crimes.



Commemoration event in the Hague



Provisional Srebrenica Genocide Monument in the Hague

Provisional Srebrenica Genocide Monument Inaugurated in The Hague on 30th Anniversary of Genocide

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, a provisional Srebrenica genocide monument was inaugurated on 11 July in The Hague. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Srebrenica genocide survivors, the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Netherlands, Almir Šahović, the Mayor of The Hague, Jan van Zanen, senior officials from the Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs

and Defence, representatives of the former International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), as well as citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Dutch and international friends of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Speakers at the event emphasized the importance of remembrance, accountability, and education in preventing future atrocities. The provisional monument will serve as a place of reflection and a symbol of solidarity with the victims and survivors of genocide. The ceremony in The Hague formed part of wider commemorations marking 30 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, reaffirming a shared commitment to truth and justice.

Honorary Consulate in Scotland – Opening Reception and Srebrenica 30th Anniversary Commemorations

On 13 June 2025, HE Ambassador Osman Topcagic and the Honorary Consul for Scotland Almira Delibegović-Broome KC welcomed at a reception in Edinburgh some 140 high-profile attendees from Scottish political, legal, cultural and economic life, including the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, The Right Hon Angus Robertson MSP. Mr Robertson congratulated Bosnia-Herzegovina on the opening of its honorary consulate in Scotland and spoke warmly about the

relations between the two countries. Throughout June and July, a number of Srebrenica commemorative events were held in Scotland, including Scotland's National Commemoration at the Trades Hall in Glasgow on 10 July, organised by Beyond Srebrenica in partnership with the Scottish Government. At the event, amongst other speakers, Ms Siobhan Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, offered her reflections on Srebrenica while cellist Clea Friend played Adagio for Vedran Smailović, introduced by Professor Nigel Osborne.



Srebrenica 30th Anniversary Commemoration organized by Honorary Consulate in Scotland

Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide Held in Brussels

A commemoration marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide was held at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Brussels, under the patronage of Erol Avdović, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Kingdom of Belgium. The event brought together numerous representatives of the diplomatic and cultural community, including Martin Kotthaus, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Belgium; Max Valstar, Deputy Head of Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Belgium; and representatives of the Austrian Cultural Forum at the Embassy of the Republic of Austria. The gathering was also supported by Members of the European Parliament from the European People's Party and the Greens. The program featured the exhibition "Srebrenica: 11 Lessons for the Future" by Dr. Hikmet Karčić, which emphasized the universal messages of the Srebrenica tragedy and the importance of its lasting remembrance. A special contribution to the evening came through a unique artistic performance produced by the cultural association Art Alive. Artists Aldina Topčagić (movement, Art Alive Director), Margareta Klobučar (soprano), and Mersiha Teskeredžić (violin) delivered a moving piece titled

"8,372 Seconds", including a rendition of "Srebrenica Inferno", which left a strong emotional impact on attendees.



Commemorative event in Brussels



Commemorative event in Brussels



Commemoration in Luxembourg

Commemoration in Luxembourg Marks 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide and Announces Memorial Construction

A commemorative gathering marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide was held in the city of Luxembourg, organized by the Srebrenica Committee of Luxembourg. The event brought together many citizens, members of the Bosnian diaspora, officials, and academic guests, with a strong message that "Srebrenica remains a warning and a motivation." Adnan Halilović, President of the Srebrenica Committee, announced that after months of effort, the Committee has received official approval

from the city authorities for the construction of a memorial dedicated to the victims of the Srebrenica Genocide. Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, H.E. Erol Avdović, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of permanent memorialization, continued resistance to genocide denial, and the need for educational and legislative frameworks that institutionalize remembrance. A powerful testimony was delivered by Prof. Dr. Ilijaz Pilav, a survivor and war surgeon who performed over 4,000 medical procedures under dire wartime conditions. His story moved attendees and highlighted resilience and dignity in the face of unimaginable adversity. The event also featured a moving recitation titled "Mother, Where Am I?" performed by young mekteb students. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Alibašić, Director of the Center for Advanced Studies and professor at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo, closed the event by emphasizing the importance of strategic foresight, internal organization, and preserving the state as the pillar of international legitimacy.



Commemorative event in Ankara



Commemorative event in Ankara

Commemorative Event on the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide, a solemn commemoration ceremony was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye, presided over by Deputy Minister Ambassador Zeki Levent Gümrükçü, with the participation of Mirsada Čolaković, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Ankara. The event served as a strong reminder of the genocide committed in Srebrenica in 1995 and emphasized the importance of remembering the victims and the ongoing responsibility of the international community to confront such crimes against humanity. Deputy Minister Ambassador Zeki Levent Gümrükçü underscored that the Türkiye stand in solidarity with the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina in their pursuit of justice and peace, remembering the lessons of the past. Ambassador Mirsada Čolaković addressed the attendees, emphasizing the significance of remembering the genocide and ensuring that the victims are never forgotten. Her words highlighted the responsibility of the international community to acknowledge and confront such crimes against humanity, stressing that only through remembrance and education can we prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Commemorative Event on the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide – Keçiören Park "Alija Izetbegović"

The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina hosted the commemoration, co-organized with the support of the Keçiören Municipality in Ankara. The program was attended by ambassadors and senior diplomatic representatives accredited in Ankara, as well as officials from Turkish institutions, the Ankara city administration, and citizens. In her address, the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Ankara, Mirsada Čolaković, emphasized that the genocide in Srebrenica was a systematically planned event, not a random one.

Professor Admir Mulaosmanović warned that genocide is not only the responsibility of those who directly committed the acts but also of those who ordered them, and everyone who was in any way involved in covering up the traces. Finally, the Mayor of Keçiören, Dr. Atila Zorlu, stated that the genocide in Srebrenica was another in a series of crimes born from the silence of the world. He emphasized the importance of unity and remembrance to prevent the repetition of such horrors. He concluded with his quote: "A forgotten genocide will always be repeated. We have not forgotten, we will not forget, and we will not allow it to be forgotten." The ceremony concluded with the laying of wreaths and flowers at the memorial, followed by the screening of the film *Quo Vadis Aida?* at Kalaba Square.



Commemoration in Keçiören Park

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The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Islamabad Organized a Commemorative Event Marking the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica

On July 10, 2025, the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Islamabad held a commemorative gathering at the headquarters of the Shaheed Bhutto Foundation to mark the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica. On this occasion, the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Emin Čohodarević, emphasized that this year's commemoration is being held in light of the UN General Assembly's adoption of the Resolution on the Genocide in Srebrenica, passed a year ago. He highlighted the global significance of the Resolution, describing it as a moral, historical, and civilizational act by the United Nations. Speakers at the event included Mr. Asif Khan, President of the Shaheed Bhutto Foundation; Professor Dr. Taraq Waheed, Head of the Department of International Relations at SZABIST University; Ms. Amna Munawwar Awan, President of the Pakistan Center for International Relations; and Mr. Tazeen Akhtar, journalist, publicist, and editor of the magazine "Pakistan in the World."

**Commemorative event in Islamabad**[Read More](#)**Commemoration in Madrid**

Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Madrid Organized Commemoration of the International Day of Remembrance and Commemoration of the Srebrenica Genocide

The Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Kingdom of Spain, Vesna Andree Zaimović, emphasized the crucial importance of the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution proclaiming July 11 as the International Day of Remembrance of the Srebrenica Genocide. She noted that the resolution is based on verified facts and final judgments of international courts.

The event included a tribute to the victims and a screening of the internationally acclaimed film *Quo Vadis, Aida?* directed by Jasmila Žbanić. As part of the 30th anniversary commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide, Ambassador Andree Zaimović also participated in a public dialogue titled "The Srebrenica Genocide: 30 Years Later" organized by the Regional Office of the European Parliament in Barcelona.

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Consul General of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Milan Dag Đumrukčić Attended Commemorations Honoring the Srebrenica Genocide in Italian Cities of Biella, Verona, Rogno, and Piacenza

Consul General Dag Đumrukčić attended a commemoration in Biella on July 6, where he emphasized the importance of remembrance and the UN Resolution on Srebrenica, followed by a city walk and screening of *My Father's Diary*. In Verona,

the commemoration was held on July 11 and organized by the "NUR" Islamic Community and "Stećak" Association, where Đumrukčić also spoke. On July 13, Rogno hosted a memorial walk and event organized by the "Ljiljan" Association, with speeches from local representatives and the Consul General. That same day in Piacenza, a walk and commemorative program took place, organized by the local Islamic community and youth network. In each city, Đumrukčić highlighted the significance of preserving memory and honoring the victims of the Srebrenica genocide.

**Commemoration in Italian Cities**[Read More](#)

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Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica Held in the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Canberra

The commemoration was attended by representatives of the Australian government, parliamentarians, ambassadors and diplomats in Australia, representatives of associations and religious communities active in Australia. Following the tribute marked by a moment of silence, the flag was lowered to half-mast and Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with the Chargé d'affaires of the State of Palestine Embassy to Australia, laid a

wreath. Flowers were also laid by other attendees while the piece "Srebrenica Inferno" by Džemaludin Latić and Đelo Jusić was played. The Embassy received a large number of messages of solidarity and condolences from representatives of political life, religious communities, and the diplomatic corps. Ambassador Muftić, in his speech, emphasized the importance of the date recognized by the UN General Assembly as the International Day of Remembrance for the Genocide in Srebrenica in 1995. He expressed gratitude to the countries that supported the resolution on Srebrenica, including Australia. "When we say Srebrenica, we must remember the crimes committed in Srebrenica and throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina," he said. "When we say Srebrenica, we must also remember the suffering of innocent people in Gaza, Sudan, and other parts of the world where crimes against humanity and the destruction of human lives are taking place," Ambassador Muftić added, pointing to the dangerous rhetoric that seeks to justify actions that include the killing of people and children. During the commemoration, a documentary film "Srebrenica 30 Years" by authors Danis Tanović, Redžinald Šimek, Sanja Goražda Sijarić, and Faruk Šehić was shown. Vocal soloist Cameron Bajraktarević-Hayward performed the song "Što te nema" by Aleksa Šantić.



Commemoration in Sydney Marks 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

On July 26, 2025, Ambassador Kemal Muftić attended and addressed a commemoration in Sydney marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide and the UN resolution on its remembrance, organized by the Bosnia Community Council NSW and the Universal Peace Federation Oceania. The event featured speeches by academics, survivors, and Australian MP Ed Husic, highlighting the importance of memory, justice, and global solidarity. A panel discussion and cultural program, including a performance by the "Modra rijeka" choir, emphasized both remembrance and the ongoing relevance of Srebrenica in the face of global injustices. Survivors shared moving testimonies, while scholars spoke on genocide denial and the dangers of glorifying war criminals. Particular attention was given to the symbolism of the Srebrenica flower and the trauma carried by survivors and refugees. The program also acknowledged the current suffering of civilians in Gaza and other global conflict zones. The commemoration served as a reminder that remembrance must be paired with action to prevent future atrocities.



Exhibition at the European Parliament

Exhibition "Genocide in Srebrenica: 11 Lessons for the Future" Officially Opened at the European Parliament

The opening was attended by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, numerous Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), representatives of international organizations and civil society, as well as survivors of the genocide. On behalf of the hosts, MEP Helmut Brandstatter addressed the attendees, followed by President Metsola, who officially opened the exhibition. Short speeches were also delivered by MEPs Ondřej Kolář (EPP), Matjaž Nemec

(S&D), Tineke Strik (Greens), and Ivo Davor Stir (EPP). The exhibition was presented by its author, Dr. Hikmet Karčić. Dr. Hikmet Karčić, the author of the exhibition, stated that the idea for the exhibition originated in 2015 after Russia vetoed the Resolution on the Srebrenica genocide at the UN Security Council. In his speech, he appealed to the European Parliament to take stronger action in the fight against genocide denial. The exhibition calls for learning from the past and also highlights the contemporary challenges faced by survivors and returnees in Srebrenica.



Commemoration in Doha

Qatar commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, and upon the initiative of the Ars Aevi Museum Sarajevo, in cooperation with the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Doha and Qatar Museums, the photograph Mother of Srebrenica by photographer Almin Zrno was projected on the building of the National Museum of Qatar on the 11 July 2025, accompanied by the message: 30 REMEMBERING SREBRENICA – REMEMBER YESTERDAY, ACT TODAY

The State of Qatar was among the countries that voted in favor of the adoption of the Resolution on the Srebrenica Genocide at the United Nations General Assembly in May 2024. The projection promoted the values of justice, tolerance, and respect for human dignity, in line with the mission of raising awareness and fostering peace within the community.

Genocide Museum Opened in Potočari as a Lasting Testament to Truth and Remembrance

On July 11, 2025, the Genocide Museum in Potočari was officially opened within the Srebrenica Memorial Center, serving as a permanent space of remembrance and education dedicated to the victims of the genocide committed against Bosniaks. The museum covers the period from 1992 through the events of July 1995 and the ongoing efforts to locate, identify, and honor those murdered. Among the most powerful features are reconstructions of mass execution sites, including a replica of the Dom kulture in Pilica, alongside exhibits of mass graves, recovered personal belongings, survivor testimonies, and photographs of victims. Created with the full financial support of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) under the patronage of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the museum aims to preserve memory and serve as a warning that genocide must never be repeated. The opening ceremony was attended by high-ranking officials, including the President of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye Numan Kurtulmuş, Bosnia and



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Herzegovina Presidency members Denis Bećirović and Željko Komšić, and other dignitaries. On the same day, seven more genocide victims were laid to rest in a collective funeral at the Memorial Cemetery, bringing the number of those buried in Potočari to 6,765. The victims, found in mass graves in Liplje, Baljkovica, Suljići, and Kameničko brdo, include two 19-year-olds, Senajid Avdić and Hariz Mujić, killed in July 1995 and buried 30 years later. Many remains were incomplete, and families were forced to bury only fragments of their loved ones. To date, victims have been discovered at over 150 locations, including 77 mass graves, and more than 1,000 are still missing. The youngest victim buried in Potočari was a newborn baby, Fatima Muhić; the oldest, Šaha Izmirlić, born in 1901. In 2007, the International Court of Justice ruled that genocide had occurred in Srebrenica, and since then, 54 individuals have been convicted by international and regional courts, including Radovan Karadžić and Ratko Mladić, who received life sentences. The museum's opening and the continued burial of victims stand as a testament to the enduring fight for truth, justice, and the collective responsibility to ensure that the memory of Srebrenica never fades.



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A place of remembrance for the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica, the Memorial Center is dedicated to preserving history and combatting the forces of ignorance and hatred which make genocide possible.

Central to the mission of the Memorial Center is the organization of the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Srebrenica genocide which takes place annually on July 11th.

This commemoration includes a week-long program of activities and events which are designed to engage the local, national, and global communities in honoring the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica.

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