

# Bosnia – fears of epidemics

The first war-related cases of infectious diseases have been detected in Sarajevo. Doctors fear epidemics within days unless electricity is restored and contaminated water systems are repaired

## **Typhus – first cases for three years:**

Parasite spread by lice, fleas and ticks

Symptoms: Severe headache, fever, red rashes, delirium

Prevention: Hygiene

Treatment: Antibiotics

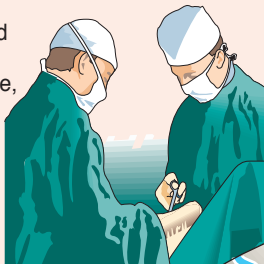
## **Hepatitis A – 113 cases, 24 in Sarajevo:**

Virus in contaminated food or water

Symptoms: Inflammation of the liver causing fever

Prevention: Immunization

Treatment: No effective anti-viral drug



## **Enterocolitis – 3,400 cases, 630 in Sarajevo:**

Bacteria in contaminated food or water

Symptoms: Inflammation of the intestines

Prevention: Hygiene

Treatment: Antibiotics



**Water supply:** 500,000 people in Sarajevo have been without running water for three weeks. Drinking water supplied by truck is not always chlorinated

**Humanitarian aid:** Convoy to Gorazde cancelled because of fighting