

Srebrenica massacre – 20th anniversary

■ **1992:** Bosnia-Herzegovina declares independence from Yugoslavia.



War erupts between Serb, Croat and Muslim factions. Bosnian Serbs, under **Radovan Karadzic**, lay siege to Sarajevo

■ **1993:** Amid reports of ethnic cleansing, UN declares safe havens for Bosnian Muslim civilians

■ **1994:** Battalion of 570 Dutch troops assumes UN peacekeeping duties in Srebrenica enclave

■ **Jul 6-10, 1995:** Bosnian Serb forces attack Srebrenica. Around 30 Dutch troops taken hostage

■ **Jul 11:** Over 20,000 refugees flee to main Dutch base at Potocari. UN airstrikes on Bosnian Serb positions suspended after Serbs threaten to kill Dutch hostages. Bosnian Serb troops under **General Ratko Mladic** enter Srebrenica



Jul 1995

● UN safe haven

■ Bosnian Serb control

■ Bosnian / Croat control

■ **Jul 12:** Bosnian Serb forces begin deporting women and children and separating out all males aged 12 to 77 for “interrogation”

■ **Jul 13:** Dutch troops hand over 5,000 civilians sheltering at Potocari to Bosnian Serb army in exchange for release of 14 Dutch peacekeepers

■ **Jul 16:** Reports of massacres start to emerge. **Around 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys killed in Srebrenica in just three days – worst atrocity on European soil since Holocaust**