

Karadzic faces war crimes verdict

Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic stands accused by UN war crimes judges of the worst atrocities in Europe since World War II



■ **Jun 19, 1945:** **Radovan Karadzic** born in Petnjica village, Yugoslavia (now in Montenegro)

■ **1960s:** Moves to ethnically-mixed city of Sarajevo, where he trains in medicine, specialising in psychiatry. He also takes up poetry and falls under influence of Serb nationalist writer **Dobrica Cosic**, who encourages him to enter politics

■ **1989:** Collapse of communism in Yugoslavia. Karadzic forms **Serbian Democratic Party** in response to rise of nationalist and Croat parties in Bosnia, and dedicated to goal of greater Serbia

■ **1992:** Bosnia gains independence. As leader of self-styled **Republika Srpska**, Karadzic mobilises Bosnian Serbs against Muslim and Croat factions, sparking three-year war

■ **1995:** Karadzic indicted, along with his military chief **Ratko Mladic**, for alleged war crimes, including role in siege of Sarajevo, in which 10,000 civilians died, and massacre of over 7,000 Bosnian Muslims at Srebrenica



■ **1996:** Karadzic goes into hiding

■ **2008:** Arrested in Belgrade while posing as New Age healer

■ **2009:** Trial opens in The Hague

■ **Mar 24, 2016:** Verdict due on 11 counts of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

