

Ratko Mladic – “Butcher of Bosnia”

■ **Mar 12, 1942:** Born at Kalinovik in eastern Bosnia

■ **1944:** Father, **Nedja Mladic**, killed by **Ustasha** – Croatia’s World War II fascist regime

■ **1992:** Bosnia and Herzegovina declares independence from Yugoslavia. Bosnian Serbs, led by **Radovan Karadzic** (below), secure control of ethnic Serb territory. War soon spreads, accompanied by ethnic cleansing

■ **May 1992:** General Mladic (far right) is made commander of Bosnian Serb forces. He is alleged architect of 43-month siege of Bosnian capital Sarajevo, which claims estimated 10,000 lives

■ **Mar 1994:** Mladic’s daughter **Ana** commits suicide in Belgrade at age 23, reportedly after learning of atrocities committed by her father’s troops

■ **Jul 2, 1995:** Under orders of Karadzic, Mladic’s troops attack UN-protected “safe area” of Srebrenica, enclave of 40,000 Muslims

■ **Jul 12-17:** Massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys is worst mass murder in Europe since Nazi era

■ **Jul 25:** UN war crimes tribunal* indicts Mladic for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity



■ **1997-2011:** Mladic eludes NATO attempts to arrest him – he is finally detained in 2011

■ **May 2012:** Trial begins

■ **Nov 22, 2017:** Ratko Mladic found guilty of 10 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity, extermination and murder.
Sentenced to life imprisonment