

Srebrenica massacre timeline

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: More than 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

