

# Press release: Foreign Secretary welcomes Ratko Mladić's conviction for Srebrenica Genocide

The United Kingdom strongly supports the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and welcomes its decision to sentence former Bosnian Serb Commander Ratko Mladić to life imprisonment as a consequence of his crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1992-1995.

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

Today's decision shows that, however hard they might try, those who perpetrate atrocities cannot out run justice. Ratko Mladić's conviction for genocide in Srebrenica will not bring back the thousands who lost their lives but it does demonstrate that the architects of their suffering will be held to account.

The atrocities perpetrated in the Balkans in the 1990s marked one of Europe's darkest periods. We must join together to ensure it never happens again.

Further information