

Press Releases: Attempts To Deny the Srebrenica Genocide

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International courts have concluded that genocide occurred in Srebrenica in 1995. The Republika Srpska Government's adoption of the 2004 report on the Srebrenica genocide was an important step in Bosnia and Herzegovina's reconciliation and in facing the difficult facts of the past. The August 14 session of the Republika Srpska National Assembly is a step in the wrong direction. Attempts to reject or amend the report on Srebrenica are part of wider efforts to revise the facts of the past war, to deny history, and to politicize tragedy. It is in the interest of the citizens of Republika Srpska to reverse the trend of revering convicted war criminals as heroes, and to ensure their crimes continue to be publicly rejected.

Realizing the scope of the tragedy of the past war and the importance of continuing to build trust and reconciliation, the United States remains fully committed to assisting authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the state, entity, and cantonal levels, to investigate and prosecute individuals responsible for crimes against all ethnic groups. The denial of established facts of prior wars will in no way advance these objectives or assist the country's citizens. The horrific war of the 1990s reminds us that we must strive for a stable and prosperous future for the benefit of all citizens, regardless of ethnicity or religion. The United States continues to firmly support peace, stability, and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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