



## NEWSLETTER

# MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### Danish Minister for European Affairs Visits Bosnia and Herzegovina Ahead of EU Council Presidency

Minister Konaković met with Denmark's Minister for European Affairs, Marie Bjerre, in Sarajevo on June 25, 2025, to discussing strengthening of bilateral relations and Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU integration process. Konaković thanked Denmark for its principled stance on Bosnia and Herzegovina's sovereignty and European perspective, welcoming the opening of Denmark's Embassy in Sarajevo as a pivotal step toward enhanced cooperation. Minister Bjerre emphasized that Denmark remains a strong

advocate of the enlargement of the European Union and said that, despite the current geopolitical challenges, now is the right time to strengthen the European perspective of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. As one of the priorities of the Danish presidency of the Council of the EU, she singled out the continuation of political and technical support for reform processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**Minister Konaković with Denmark's Minister for  
European Affairs, Marie Bjerre**

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**Minister Konaković at OIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting in  
Istanbul**

### OIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Istanbul: Resolution on Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina Adopted

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković participated in the 51st Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul from June 20–22, 2025, addressing pressing global challenges under the theme "OIC in a Transforming World." In his remarks, he condemned the violence in Gaza, drawing a parallel to Bosnia and Herzegovina's own painful history, and urged decisive international efforts for a just and lasting peace.

The session concluded with the adoption of a comprehensive Resolution on the Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Istanbul Declaration, reaffirming strong support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's constitutional order and calling for continued accountability and remembrance ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide.

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### 70th Anniversary of Messina Conference

At the invitation of Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, Minister Konaković attended the 70th anniversary of the Messina Conference in Taormina. The event gathered EU member state leaders, candidate countries, and top EU and Italian officials to reaffirm commitment to European unity and discuss the next phase of enlargement.

In his address, Minister Konaković highlighted Bosnia and Herzegovina's dedication to European values of peace, solidarity, and freedom, stressing the country's alignment with EU foreign and security policy despite external pressures. On the sidelines, he held bilateral meetings with officials from Italy, the EU, Poland, Albania, and France.

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**70th Anniversary of Messina Conference**





## Minister Konaković Promotes EU Integration at GLOBSEC 2025 in Prague

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković participated in the prestigious GLOBSEC Forum 2025, held in Prague from June 12 to 14. During the panel discussion entitled "Enlargement: Moving Toward Reality," Minister Konakovic emphasized that EU enlargement is not just a technical process, but a strategic imperative for Europe's stability and security, noting that the Western Balkans is already an integral part of Europe's fabric.

Furthermore, he reiterated Bosnia and Herzegovina's steadfast commitment to the European path and the importance of continued reforms stressing the need for strong EU engagement.

On the sidelines of the Forum, Minister Konaković held a series of significant bilateral meetings:



With Minister of European Affairs of Montenegro Maida Gorčević, both ministers reaffirmed traditionally strong and amicable bilateral relations without any issues. The Ministers discussed their shared commitment to EU integration. They also reviewed key infrastructure initiatives, including the Foca-Scepan Polje road and projects linked to Adriatic-Ionian corridor and rail modernization, emphasizing the importance of connectivity for regional development.



With Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavský, the discussion centered on enhancing bilateral cooperation across various sectors such as education, culture, business, and investment. Both ministers underlined the importance of continued EU support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration efforts, especially in the context of the country's EU accession process. Minister Lipavský also reiterated the Czech Republic's support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's sovereignty and constitutional order.



With Chilean Foreign Minister Alberto Van Klaveren, Minister Konaković explored opportunities to strengthen cooperation between the two countries. The meeting provided the opportunity to strengthen long-standing friendly relations with focus on expanding cooperation in areas such as academic exchange, cultural cooperation, and political dialogue.





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## Minister Konaković and Spain's Minister Albares Discuss Rule of Law, EU Integration, and Regional Stability

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares Bueno to reaffirm the strong and friendly relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Spain. Minister Konaković expressed appreciation for Spain's consistent political support, particularly welcoming Minister Albares's recent statement condemning actions by Republika Srpska that

threaten Bosnia and Herzegovina's sovereignty and constitutional order. The ministers reviewed bilateral cooperation, including the implementation of the 2023 Memorandum of Understanding and Spain's assistance through projects like EU4Justice. They also discussed Bosnia and Herzegovina's engagement with FRONTEX and EUFOR Althea. Minister Albares reiterated Spain's firm support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU path, emphasizing that the integration of the Western Balkans into the EU is essential for Europe's long-term security and stability.

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Minister Konaković with Minister Albares



Minister Konaković with RAI Director Hani

## Meeting with RAI Director Hani to Advance Regional Anti-Corruption Efforts

Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Albert Hani, the newly appointed Director of the Secretariat of the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI). They discussed RAI's key priorities and upcoming activities, emphasizing the importance of strengthening institutional frameworks and fostering regional cooperation to combat corruption across Southeast Europe. Director Hani outlined the strategic goals guiding RAI's future work, focusing on legislation, whistleblower protection, and capacity

building. Minister Konaković affirmed Bosnia and Herzegovina's strong support for RAI's mission, underscoring that fighting corruption is a top national and regional priority essential for building transparent, resilient institutions.

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## Productive Discussion with Council of Europe's Director for Political Affairs and External Relations Miroslav Papa

Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Miroslav Papa, Director for Political Affairs and External Relations at the Council of Europe, to review Bosnia and Herzegovina's democratic trajectory and European integration. Konaković emphasized the crucial role of the Council of Europe's technical and programmatic assistance in strengthening democracy, human rights, and alignment with European standards, particularly amid internal threats to the constitutional order and malign influences. He also welcomed the engagement of opposition forces in Republika

Srpska and their participation in the Peace Implementation Council's discussions aimed at unblocking Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU path. Director Papa reiterated the Council's close monitoring of the situation and firm commitment to supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's pro-European actors in advancing human rights, democracy, and institutional resilience.



Minister Konaković with CoE Director for Political Affairs and External Relations Miroslav Papa

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**Minister Konaković met with Bosnia and Herzegovina Ambassadors**

## Minister Konaković Discusses Evacuations from Tel Aviv and Tehran

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković held a productive discussion with Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassadors to Israel and Iran, Duško Kovačević and Nijaz Čardaklija, along with embassy staff recently evacuated from Tel Aviv and Tehran. The Ambassadors expressed satisfaction for the swift, coordinated actions by state institutions that ensured safe evacuation of our citizens and themselves. Minister Konaković emphasized that the effective response was the

result of close cooperation between the state institutions and the diplomatic network. The meeting also reviewed security and political developments in the region and their impact on embassies operations and the protection of BiH citizens abroad.

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## Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Prague Marks 20th Anniversary

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Elmedin Konaković, attended the official ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Czech Republic, held on June 12, 2025, at the Krocinova Conference Center in Prague. This important milestone reaffirms the strong and friendly relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech Republic, as well as longstanding cooperation across multiple sectors. During the event, Minister Konaković delivered a speech highlighting the significance of mutual understanding and the

partnership that has been steadily cultivated throughout the two decades of the Embassy's operation. The event featured remarks by Ambassador Martina Mlinarević, delivered in the context of reinforcing bilateral relations and strengthening engagement with the Bosnian community in the Czech Republic.

**20th Anniversary of Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Prague**[Read More](#)**Minister Konaković Meets UNOPS Multi-Country Director Telatin**

## Meeting with UNOPS Multi-Country Director Telatin to Enhance Development Cooperation

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Michela Telatin, Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Multi-Country Office and Representative for Montenegro, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia, to discuss strengthening collaboration. Minister Konaković highlighted that procedures to open a UNOPS office in Sarajevo are nearing completion - a key step toward enhancing coordination with

international partners and launching new initiatives, especially those supporting EU integration and regional cooperation. Director Telatin outlined UNOPS's mission to foster sustainable development through infrastructure projects, procurement support and capacity building. Both parties emphasized the importance of finalizing a status agreement for UNOPS in Bosnia and Herzegovina, paving the way for impactful joint efforts to drive the country's economic and social progress.

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## Minister Konaković met with Spain's Minister for the Prime Minister's Office, Justice, and Parliamentary Relations, Felix Bolanos Garcia

Minister Bolanos Garcia expressed Spain's unwavering support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's sovereignty, territorial integrity, and its European integration efforts, highlighting alignment with EU foreign policy and ongoing reforms. Minister Konaković emphasized that EU membership remains Bosnia and Herzegovina's foremost strategy for securing institutional progress, economic growth, and regional cooperation. Both ministers agreed on the importance of advancing toward the first EU-BiH Intergovernmental Conference to formally launch accession talks.



Minister Konaković with Minister Bolanos Garcia

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The 20th anniversary of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum

## 20th Anniversary of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum

Minister Konaković attended the ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) in Istanbul on June 20, 2025. The event, held at Haliç University, brought together senior officials and representatives from OIC member states, highlighting collective efforts to strengthen youth dialogue and cooperation. During the ceremony, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was presented with the ICYF Grand Youth Award in recognition of his significant contributions to empowering youth across the Islamic world. On the margins of the event, Minister Konaković held brief discussions with President Erdoğan and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, reaffirming the strong bilateral relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey.

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## Women, Peace and Security Forum in Pristina

Minister Konaković participated in the International Forum on Women, Peace, and Security held on June 2 and 3, 2025, in Pristina which brought together representatives from 45 countries to discuss current global challenges and threats to women's security. During the ceremony, as part of the program, the Presidential Medal of Service was awarded to the Association "Movement of Mothers of the Srebrenica and Žepa Enclaves". Minister Konaković emphasized that he is deeply honored that the Mothers of Srebrenica are this year's recipients of the WPS award. He highlighted that these courageous women endured profound human suffering but transformed it into a

powerful force for justice, remembrance, and peace. Konaković honored their courage and universal legacy, describing them as a conscience for the world. He pointed out that their legacy is not only for Bosnia and Herzegovina but is universal. He stated that the Mothers of Srebrenica have become a global symbol of pride and justice during one of the darkest periods in Europe's history.



The Women, Peace and Security Forum in Pristina

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**Minister Konaković with Minister Zukorlić**

## Minister Konaković Met with the Minister in Charge of Reconciliation, Regional Cooperation, and Social Stability of the Republic of Serbia, Usame Zukorlić

Minister Konaković stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation in the region. He stated that collaboration among the countries in the region is essential for achieving European and economic goals that will improve the quality of life for citizens. Minister Zukorlić emphasized that the

purpose of the visit is to strengthen relations between Belgrade and Sarajevo, as well as to enhance regional cooperation. He noted that many important topics were discussed at the meeting, including reconciliation, regional cooperation, and social stability.

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## Meeting with Palestinian Community President Majed Maarouf

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Majed Maarouf, President of the Palestinian Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to discuss the community's status and the escalating humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Maarouf expressed gratitude to Bosnia and Herzegovina's consistent support for the Palestinian people in international forums and through humanitarian efforts, emphasizing the importance of solidarity during these challenging times.

Minister Konaković reaffirmed commitment to protecting human rights and international humanitarian law, advocating for a peaceful resolution and immediate end to violence, while also stressing coordination on potential evacuations of vulnerable civilians. Both sides agreed to maintain open dialogue and strengthen cooperation to ensure dignity, equal rights, and deeper integration of the Palestinian community in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Minister Konaković with Mr. Maarouf**[Read More](#)

## Dialogue and Tolerance: Meeting with Jewish Community President Jakob Finci

Foreign Minister Elmedin Konaković held a meeting in Sarajevo with Jakob Finci, President of the Jewish Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to discuss the community's status and challenges within the current social and political context. They addressed the European Rabbinical Conference in Sarajevo, with Minister Konaković reaffirming the state's commitment to interfaith dialogue, religious freedom, and international gatherings. The Minister highlighted the Jewish community's deep historical and cultural roots in Bosnia and

**Minister Konaković with Jewish Community President Jakob Finci**

Herzegovina, emphasizing centuries of coexistence and Sarajevo's tradition of offering refuge since the 15th century. Both sides expressed readiness to strengthen collaboration to further strengthen Bosnia and Herzegovina's multiethnic, multireligious fabric and combat antisemitism, discrimination and intolerance.

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## South-East European Cooperation Process Meeting in Tirana

Deputy Foreign Minister Josip Brkić represented Bosnia and Herzegovina at the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Foreign Ministers' meeting held in Tirana on June 16, 2025. Under the theme "Enhancing regional competitiveness and inclusive growth as a pathway to EU integration," Deputy Minister Brkić reaffirmed Bosnia and Herzegovina's strong commitment to regional cooperation and its European future.



**Deputy Minister Brkić at the SEECP meeting in Tirana**

He stressed that sustainable economic growth must be inclusive, underscoring the importance of digital innovation, quality education, infrastructure modernization, environmental protection, and investing in youth as drivers of resilience and competitiveness. On the sidelines, Deputy Minister Brkić met with EEAS Managing Director for Europe Matti Maasikas to discuss Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU integration process and shared regional priorities.

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**Deputy Minister Brkić with UN Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas Miroslav Jenča**

## Deputy Minister Brkić Discusses Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU Path and SDGs with UN Assistant Secretaries in New York

Deputy Foreign Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Josip Brkić, held separate meetings in New York with UN Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas Miroslav Jenča, and UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director for Europe and CIS Ivana Živković. They exchanged views on global and regional developments, with Brkić briefing them on

Bosnia and Herzegovina's political situation and its preparatory phase for EU accession talks, emphasizing reforms in democracy, rule of law, fundamental rights, and public administration. In discussions with Ms. Živković, he underscored Bosnia and Herzegovina's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030 as a framework for advancing social, economic, and environmental progress, while highlighting the importance of aligning regional efforts with EU and global objectives to ensure shared development across Southeast Europe.

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## Aspen Institute Germany Hosted a High Level Working Group on the Western Balkans

Deputy Foreign Minister Josip Brkić participated in the annual meeting of the Aspen Institute Germany's Western Balkans Working Group in Berlin on June 4–5, 2025, which examined the geopolitical landscape and EU enlargement prospects for the region. Speaking on the panel "EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans in a Changing Geopolitical



**Deputy Minister Brkić at the Western Balkans Working Group in Berlin**

Environment," Brkić emphasized that European integration must be a strategic objective, not a mere promise, highlighting the Western Balkans' deep-rooted European ties and the urgency of accelerating enlargement through reforms and institution-building. He cautioned against external geopolitical pressures and called for a stronger EU role to bolster stability, democracy, and shared values. The meeting also launched the Western Balkans Program 2025, setting the stage for the October "Structural Changes" conference in Albania, and gathered senior officials from the region, the EU, Germany, and policy experts.

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**Secretary Dilberović holds consultations in Ankara**

## Secretary Dilberović Holds Consultations in Ankara on EU Integration and Regional Cooperation

On June 11–12, 2025, Edin Dilberović, Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, held consultations in Ankara with Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister Kemal Bozay and Director General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation Bülent Özcan. Discussions with Deputy Minister Bozay focused on Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU integration process following

candidate status and ways to deepen cooperation, including Bozay's proposal to involve more women and youth in EU-supported projects to reduce outmigration. During the meeting with Director Özcan addressed joint use of EU funds, prospective trilateral initiatives with Turkey and EU members, and closer academic cooperation through programs like Erasmus. Turkish officials also expressed interest in Bosnia's successful experience with the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF).

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## Ministry of Foreign Affairs and OSCE Organized Workshop in Konjic

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with the OSCE Mission, organized a two-day workshop in Konjic to prepare the 2025 information exchange report under the OSCE framework. The event gathered representatives from key ministries and agencies who reviewed draft contributions, shared expertise, and coordinated efforts to ensure accurate and timely submission. A highlight was the introduction of a new e-module on the OSCE Code of Conduct, aimed at securing staff understanding with Bosnia

and Herzegovina's security policies. The workshop marked an important step in fostering inter-institutional cooperation and upholding Bosnia and Herzegovina's international arms control commitments and security policies. The workshop marked an important step in fostering inter-institutional cooperation and upholding Bosnia and Herzegovina's international arms control commitments.

**Workshop to strengthen reporting and compliance****Mediterranean Peace Award Ceremony in Naples**

## Sarajevo and Srebrenica Honored with Mediterranean Peace Awards

Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassador to Italy Amira Arifović-Harms, attended a ceremony in Naples organized by the "United States of the World" foundation, where she received the Mediterranean Peace Award granted to the city of Sarajevo, with a parallel honor given to Srebrenica. Speaking at a press conference, the Ambassador reflected on Bosnia and Herzegovina's wartime suffering and thanked the organizers for recognizing both cities' resilience. She also proposed strengthening cooperation between Naples and Sarajevo, an idea warmly welcomed by

Naples Prefect Michael di Bari. At the closing event by the "Totem of Peace," Ambassador Arifović-Harms conveyed Sarajevo's gratitude, read from the diary of twelve-year-old Nirvana Zeljković—killed during the war—and placed an excerpt into the monument, underscoring a shared commitment to remembrance and peace.

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**Dr. Jasminka Džumhur**

### **Dr. Jasminka Džumhur re-elected to UN Committee on Migrant Workers' Rights**

At the 12th meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, held on June 24, 2025, at UN Headquarters in New York, Bosnia and Herzegovina's Human Rights Ombudsperson, Dr. Jasminka Džumhur, was re-elected to the Committee (CMW) for the 2026–2029 term. A distinguished legal expert with over 35 years of experience in justice, human rights, and

international affairs, Dr. Džumhur is recognized globally for her dedication to protecting fundamental freedoms. As the first woman ever elected to the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, a former vice-chair of that body, and a long-serving member of the CMW and International Commission on Ukraine, her re-election reflects her profound expertise, integrity, and unwavering commitment to advocating for migrant workers and their families worldwide.

### **Accession to the World Trade Organization - Strategic Priority of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The 14th meeting of the Working Party on the Accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the World Trade Organization (WTO), held on 19 June in Geneva, marked a significant step forward in the country's path toward full membership. The session, the first in seven years, reaffirmed broad support among WTO members for the conclusion of Bosnia and Herzegovina's accession process. Bosnia and Herzegovina highlighted its long-standing commitment to the accession process as part of broader integration and reform efforts. The country has

undertaken comprehensive steps to align its foreign trade regime with international standards, establishing a transparent, predictable and liberalized framework based on the principles of free trade and the removal of barriers to goods, services, capital and movement of people. Full WTO membership is expected to formally recognize Bosnia and Herzegovina as a rules-based and credible trading partner, which will further strengthen its international trade position and attract new investment opportunities. Accession would also support long-term economic development and deepen the country's integration into the global economy.

The meeting acknowledged substantial progress on both the bilateral and multilateral tracks. Most bilateral market access negotiations have been finalized, with key outstanding technical issues resolved. On the multilateral side, the draft Working Party Report — the central document outlining the country's commitments upon accession — is nearing completion and reflects Bosnia and Herzegovina's alignment with WTO disciplines. Participants welcomed the reactivation of the accession process and encouraged the completion of the few remaining procedural steps. Members were invited to submit final comments or questions by 17 July, after which the Secretariat will update the draft Working Party Report. The next meeting of the Working Party will be scheduled in accordance with the readiness of the final documentation and the completion of outstanding bilateral commitments.

Accession to the WTO remains a strategic priority for Bosnia and Herzegovina, contributing to economic stability, legal predictability, and the country's credibility in international markets. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in close coordination with relevant institutions, will continue to support the finalization of this important process, with the goal of securing full membership in the near future.

**Delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina at the WTO**



**Ambassador Dedić with  
King Harald V of Norway**

## Ambassador Dedić Presents Credentials to King Harald V of Norway

Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, Hoda Dedić, presented her letters of credence to King Harald V in a formal ceremony. King Harald warmly welcomed Ambassador Dedić, extending congratulations on her appointment and expressing interest in Bosnia and Herzegovina's political developments. Ambassador Dedić highlighted Bosnia and Herzegovina's commitment to reforms that strengthen internal stability and advance EU and

Euro-Atlantic integration, while expressing appreciation for Norway's longstanding support. Recalling King Harald's presence at the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics as a symbol of enduring friendship, she expressed her intention to further deepen bilateral relations during her tenure.

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## Ambassador Andree Zaimović Presented Copies of the Credentials to the Moroccan Foreign Minister Bourita

Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassador to Morocco, Vesna Andree Zaimović, based in Madrid, met in Rabat with Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita, to present copies of her credentials. Ambassador Andree Zaimović highlighted the longstanding friendly relations between the two countries, recalling Morocco's support for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the participation of Moroccan troops in SFOR, and conveyed the interest of state's business sector in fostering economic partnerships.

Minister Bourita warmly welcomed the Ambassador, reaffirming Morocco's respect and continued support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's European aspirations and bilateral engagement. Both officials conveyed optimism for more high-level exchanges and stronger cooperation across diverse sectors.

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**Ambassador Andree Zaimović with Moroccan  
Foreign Minister Bourita**



**H.E. Manahan Malontinge Pardamean Sitompul,  
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia**

## Newly Appointed Indonesian Ambassador Sitompul Presents Copies of Credentials

On June 19, 2025, H.E. Manahan Malontinge Pardamean Sitompul, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Bosnia and Herzegovina, presented copies of his credentials to Mr. Mirsad Bešić, Head of the Diplomatic Protocol Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This formal step marks the start of Ambassador Sitompul's diplomatic mission in our country, paving the way for continued strengthening of bilateral relations between Indonesia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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**Ambassador Arnaut at the Second Congress of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Doctors**



**Prof. Dr. Ismet Gavrankapetanović**

Nina Jovanović MD and Igor Knezović MD from Zagreb, were in attendance, alongside Prof. Hajrija Maksić MD, acting director of the Clinical Center of Sarajevo University (UKCS), and Prof. Ismet Gavrankapetanović MD, director of the General Hospital "Abdulah Nakaš". Their participation highlighted the congress's significance in connecting Bosnian healthcare professionals worldwide. As Dr. Adnan Begović, President of BHAAAS, pointed out, the congress provided a platform for developing meaningful professional connections and exploring collaborative efforts in specialized fields such as urogynecology, neurosurgery, and advanced spinal procedures.

"We discussed key projects aimed at improving medical services, modernizing surgical units, and training young doctors in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Successful collaborations are already in progress, such as student training at the Marburg Clinic, with further expansion planned through additional exchange programs with institutions like the Sarajevo Medical Faculty," Dr. Begović emphasized. The clear message from all participants was that the experience of the medical diaspora, combined with the talent and potential in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is a reliable path toward creating a modern, skilled, and efficient healthcare system.

The Berlin Congress reaffirmed the belief that science, humanity, and patriotism must unite to advance the development of Bosnia and Herzegovina's healthcare system. Moving forward, BHAG and BHAAAS will continue to collaborate on shared goals and initiatives that contribute to the integration of the global medical community with the resources and needs of the homeland.

We look forward to seeing the continued success of this partnership and the positive impact it will have on both the diaspora and the future of healthcare in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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## Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Berlin Hosts Second Congress of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Doctors in Berlin, in Collaboration with BHAG

On Saturday, June 14, 2025, the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Berlin, in collaboration with the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Medical Chamber in Germany (BHAG), hosted the Second Congress of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Doctors in Germany. This significant event brought together medical professionals of Bosnian origin from across the globe, including participants from Germany, the USA, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, marking a milestone in the ongoing efforts to strengthen ties between the medical diaspora and the homeland. The Congress was supported by His Excellency Mr. Damir Arnaut, the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Germany, whose dedication to fostering international collaboration played a key role in ensuring the event's success.

The Bosnian-Herzegovinian American Academy of Arts and Sciences (BHAAAS) also served as a key partner, broadening the scope and impact of the program. Distinguished members of the medical community, including Prof. Ognjen Gajić MD (Mayo Clinic) and Prof. Adnan Begović MD (UCSD) from the USA, Mirza Pojskić MD from Germany, and



**Second Congress of Bosnian-Herzegovinian Doctors in Berlin**

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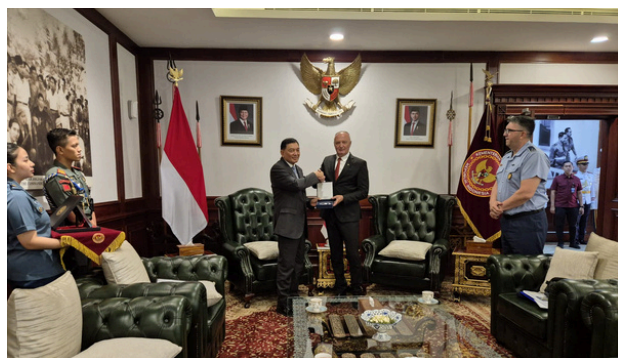
## French Alumni Day in Sarajevo celebrating and promoting careers in academia and diplomacy

As part of the “French Alumni Day,” the French Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the French Institute hosted an event on June 19, 2025, at Europe House in Sarajevo for current and former students from Bosnia and Herzegovina who studied in France, as well as those interested in such opportunities. The program showcased study and career options in France, included an exhibition and awards ceremony for the alumni poster competition “My Research in France,” and featured a roundtable on French as a career asset in international

institutions. Among the speakers was Aida Hodžić, Acting Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs and a French alumna, shared her experiences studying in France and using the French language in diplomacy. French Ambassador François Delmas opened the event by emphasizing that studying in France also means forging friendships and deeper ties between Bosnia and Herzegovina and an EU member state.



**Ms Aida Hodžić, Acting Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs at the panel**



**Meetings with Defense Minister and other officials**

## Participation in the Indo Defense Expo & Forum 2024

The delegation of the Ministry of Defense of Bosnia and Herzegovina, led by Minister Zukan Helez, participated in the defense industry fair Indo Defense Expo&Forum 2024, which was held from in Jakarta, Indonesia. Minister Helez met with Indonesian Defense Minister Sjafrie Sjamsuoddin and Malaysian Deputy Defense Minister Haji Adly bin Zahari. He also met with representatives of several private companies of the defense industry in Indonesia and with the special adviser of the

Indonesian Defense Minister for cyber security, Sylvia W. Sumarlin, as well as with three largest state-owned companies of defense industry, Defend ID, PT Len and PINDAD. During all the meetings, Minister Helez informed the interlocutors about the potential of Bosnian defense industry, but also other investment and economic opportunities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and invited them to intensify bilateral cooperation and investments in our country. Everyone expressed interest in improving relations in the field of defense industry, and the first steps towards the realization of the presented ideas were agreed upon, such as the initiation of the process of signing an MoU between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Indonesia and Malaysia on cooperation in the field of defense and defense industry and the organization of bilateral visits.

## Presentation "Secrets of the Sarajevo Haggadah" in Copenhagen

The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Copenhagen organized a lecture titled “The Secrets of the Sarajevo Haggadah,” delivered by Jakob Finci, President of the Jewish Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the Jewish Cultural Festival held at the Festival Library. Now in its fourteenth year, the festival features over 70 events celebrating dialogue among cultures, religions, and generations in one of the world’s most multicultural cities. The presentation highlighted the Sarajevo Haggadah’s rich heritage as a 14th-

century Sephardic manuscript created in Catalonia, today safeguarded in Sarajevo’s National Museum. Drawing a large audience, the event underscored the manuscript’s profound symbolism of interfaith solidarity and its enduring historical and cultural value.



**Ambassador Kundurović Miljak and Mr. Jakob Finci**

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## Marking 30 Years Since the Genocide in Srebrenica: First Global Commemoration Following UN Resolution 78/282



This July begins the solemn commemoration of 30 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, the first annual observance since the adoption of the landmark UN General Assembly resolution establishing July 11 as the International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica. Bosnia and Herzegovina's embassies and missions around the world, together with international partners, have launched commemorative activities to honor the victims, reaffirm the global commitment to remembrance, and strengthen efforts to prevent genocide, its denial and glorification of perpetrators.

### Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina Presents “From Words to Violence: Lives Behind the Fields of Death” Exhibition at the United Nations Headquarters

As part of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide and the 11th July International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica, the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the UN, in partnership with the Office of the UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide and the UN Department for Global Communications, organized the opening of the Srebrenica Memorial Centre's exhibition titled *From Words to Violence: Lives Behind the Fields of Death* at the UNHQ in New York on 17th June 2025. Dr. Lagumdžija, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, emphasized the special significance of the event, held not only in the context of the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide but also in light of the UN's observance of the International Day Against Hate Speech on 16th June. The exhibition offers a powerful reflection on the dangers of hate speech and its devastating consequences. Through personal stories and authentic accounts, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the stories of lost lives, shattered families and communities destroyed by genocide. It is a reminder that the victims were not mere statistics, they were people with dreams, families, and hopes. The intention of the exhibition is not only to honor their stories, their lives, but also to remind and to warn us: to learn from the past, remember and prevent genocide from happening again in the future. Guests and representatives of the diplomatic corps were also addressed by Dr. Emir Suljagić, Director of the Srebrenica Memorial Center, and Virginia Gamba, Acting Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General for the Prevention of Genocide.



**Ambassador Lagumdžija, Gamba, and Suljagić**



**Srebrenica 30th anniversary commemoration held in the Czech Parliament**

### Srebrenica 30th Anniversary Commemoration Held in the Czech Parliament

Bosnia and Herzegovina's Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Martina Mlinarević, took part in a commemoration marking 30 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, held in the Czech Parliament—the first such observance since the adoption of the UN resolution establishing July 11 as the International Day of Reflection on the 1995 Srebrenica Genocide. Addressing Czech parliamentarians, diplomats, veterans who served in BiH, and members of the Bosnian community,

Ambassador Mlinarević honored the victims, especially surviving mothers and women who endured wartime atrocities. The event also featured remarks by Czech leaders reaffirming support for Bosnia and Herzegovina's Euro-Atlantic integration and rejecting genocide denial.

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## Copenhagen: Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide

The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Kingdom of Denmark organized a commemoration marking the 30th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, for the first time jointly and in cooperation with the Islamic Community of Bosniaks in Denmark, the Bosnian Association of Copenhagen (BUK), and the Bosnian Cultural Center (BKC). The commemoration was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps,

institutions of the Kingdom of Denmark, religious communities, as well as numerous citizens of Bosnian - Herzegovinian origin. The main commemoration event titled "Srebrenica – 30 Years Later" included: A documentary exhibition "Srebrenica 1995", a video presentation of the original performance of the composition "Srebrenica Inferno", official speeches by representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Denmark, a panel discussion, an interactive segment with the audience. In their speeches, the speakers emphasized the importance of international solidarity, institutional memory, and the role of political and religious institutions in the process of confronting the past and promoting justice.

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## Bird of Peace Sculpture Featured in the Cultural Programme of the NATO Summit in The Hague

Organized by the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the City of The Hague, the Bird of Peace sculpture by renowned Bosnian-Herzegovinian artist Mirza Morić was officially inaugurated on 19 June in The Hague. The Bird of Peace sculpture has been installed in the main square in front of The Hague City Hall and represents one of the central elements of the cultural programme of the NATO Summit, to be held 24 and 25 June 2025. The inauguration ceremony was

attended by representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the diplomatic corps, cultural institutions, as well as members of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian diaspora. During the ceremony, addresses were given by the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Almir Šahović, the Mayor of The Hague, Mr. Jan van Zanen, and the artist, Mr. Mirza Morić. The Bird of Peace sculpture will remain on display in The Hague for the next three months. The installation of the Bird of Peace in The Hague is a significant recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its art, and it is going to further enhance the political and cultural visibility of our country and its commitment to multilateralism, peace, and international law.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina Embassy in Zagreb opens "Mrtvare" Exhibition and Unveils First Srebrenica Stamp for 30th Genocide Anniversary

The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Croatia marked the 30th anniversary of the genocide against Bosniaks of Srebrenica and Podrinje by organizing the exhibition "Mrtvare" by artist Armin Durgut at the Cultural Information Center in Zagreb, in cooperation with the Srebrenica-Potočari Memorial Center and the Federation

Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons. The powerful exhibition, paired with a program of addresses by Bosnian-Herzegovinian and Croatian dignitaries, underscored collective remembrance, truth, and justice. Ambassador Elma Kovačević-Bajtal also announced that Croatian Post would issue the first-ever Srebrenica stamp on June 5, reinforcing regional solidarity and the duty to preserve memory.

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### “Cvijet Srebrenice” (Srebrenica Flower)

The “Cvijet Srebrenice” (Srebrenica Flower) is a symbolic white flower with a green center, created to honor the memory of the victims of the Srebrenica genocide and to serve as a universal emblem in the fight against genocide.

The flower is worn to commemorate the 1995 genocide, standing as a poignant reminder of the commitment to truth, justice, and ensuring that such atrocities never happen again.



The Srebrenica-Potocari Memorial Center for the Victims of the 1995 Genocide was established in 2000 by the decision of the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A place of remembrance for the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica, the Memorial Center is dedicated to preserving history and combatting the forces of ignorance and hatred which make genocide possible.

Central to the mission of the Memorial Center is the organization of the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of the Srebrenica genocide which takes place annually on July 11th.

This commemoration includes a week-long program of activities and events which are designed to engage the local, national, and global communities in honoring the victims of the genocide in Srebrenica.

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