



Women in Black  
London

**Remembering  
genocide in  
Bosnia  
July 1995**

During three days in July 1995 more than 8,000 Bosniak men and boys were murdered in and around Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia, by Serb nationalist extremists in one of the worst massacres of a genocidal war. The dead were bulldozed into mass graves, many of which are still to be revealed.

Women in Black, London, are standing in solidarity with Women in Black, Belgrade, who will have travelled to Srebrenica for the commemoration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacre and the burials of those hundreds of bodies that have been exhumed and identified during the past year.

Fifteen years on, prospects for a lasting peace in the region are undermined by the delays in bringing the genocide's remaining principal architects to account. Radovan Karadzic's trial is proceeding slowly, and the man responsible for orchestrating the Srebrenica murders, Ratko Mladic, is – though indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) – still at large.

We invite you to call on our Foreign Secretary William Hague to use the UK's influence to bear in Europe to bring peace and justice to former-Yugoslavia, including pressing the Serb authorities to arrest Mladic. His arrest would be a significant affirmation of a commitment to justice for all the victims of genocide.

**Women in Black resist militarism and war.**

All civilians suffer in war. In invasions, women suffer the fear and the actuality of rape and the devastating experiences of sexual torture when repeated sexual assault is used as a weapon of war. In war-time bereavement, women tend to suffer poverty in addition to stress and anxiety. War's economic devastations place particular burdens on women and on the elders and children whom they care for. In militarized societies, male violence against women becomes more frequent and more severe. Men who have weapons will use them to intimidate wives and partners.

**To the Foreign Secretary, the Rt.Hon. William Hague**

Dear Foreign Secretary,

Please use the UK's influence in the EU, and with the US and Russia, to:

- Continue to press for Serbia's arrest of the indicted war criminal, Ratko Mladic, as a condition of Serbia's accession process to EU membership.
- Press for further prosecution of war crimes in Serbia, Bosnia and at The Hague.
- Support the reform of Bosnia's institutions to bring about democracy and stability.

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*Women in Black holds vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the door of the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2. The vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black.*

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