

New Srebrenica Mass Grave Discovered

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SARAJEVO, Sep 15 (AFP) -- Forensic experts have begun excavating a new mass grave in northeastern Bosnia believed to contain the remains of some victims of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, an official said Thursday.

"We expect to find several dozen bodies. So far we have reached the remains believed to account for some ten people," a member of Bosnia's Missing Persons Institute, Murat Hurtic, told AFP.

"We believe this mass grave contains remains of people from Srebrenica," he added.

Hurtic said the remains had been buried elsewhere but were later moved to the village of Liplje, some 30 kilometers (19 miles) from Srebrenica, in an attempt by Bosnian Serbs to cover up the crime.

The grave is the fifth so-called secondary mass grave found in Liplje. The four previously exhumed sites contained some 1,000 bodies from the massacre.

Liplje was abandoned during Bosnia's 1992-95 war when its Muslim population was forced out of their by occupying Serb forces.

Bosnian Serb forces overran the UN-protected Muslim enclave of Srebrenica on July 11, 1995, summarily killing some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in only few days.

Considered the worst atrocity in Europe since World War II, the massacre has led to genocide charges brought by the UN war crimes court against several suspects including former Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic, Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic and his military chief Ratko Mladic.

Milosevic is on trial at The Hague, while Karadzic and Mladic are still on the run.

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