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Campaign to Arrest Radovan Karadzic & Ratko Mladic



Action Alert

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Arrest Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic by December 31, 2007!

Two years has passed since the 10th anniversary of the massacre at Srebrenica. We were told by officials from around the world that the arrests of Karadzic and Mladic were imminent, but nothing happened. Now we are again being told that their arrests are right around the corner.

Let us be clear. Karadzic and Mladic will not be arrested unless there is a demand by concerned people around the world who want to see perpetrators of genocide brought to justice.

There is now talk that Serbia will use the arrest of Mladic as a bargaining chip for concessions on Kosovo. This cannot be allowed to happen. Mladic cannot be traded for other injustices, nor can we allow Serbia, the state responsible for genocide in Bosnia, to gain anything from his arrest.

The United States has invested billions of dollars into military and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and in economic and social reconstruction throughout Bosnia. We have invested almost an equal amount in neighboring Kosovo, which was the final conflict during the decade of war in the Balkans. It is in our national interest to protect this investment in peace by doing what is right and what is necessary by finally arresting Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. Their continued freedom from justice stands as an insult to the victims of the genocide and to the courageous men and women of U.S., NATO, and UN forces who risked their lives for the cause of peace and justice in the Balkans. It also gives succor to those extremists who continue to obstruct the ongoing efforts to bring long-term peace and stability to Bosnia and the entire region.

Long-term peace and stability in the region hinges on both the victims and perpetrators of war crimes seeing those personally responsible for these crimes brought to justice. Now that it has been twelve years since the worst of their crimes at Srebrenica, the United States and our European partners must finish what it began at Dayton and to deliver to the victims of aggression the justice that is due them.

For years the United States stood by while genocide was perpetrated in Bosnia and the Balkans. Reluctantly, we finally demonstrated leadership and courage by intervening to stop the worst war crimes in Europe since the end of World War II sixty years ago. American men and women risked and lost their lives – and Americans invested billions of their hard-earned tax dollars – to support the cause of peace and justice in Bosnia and the region as a whole. Please finish the job. Insure that this enormous investment is protected. **Make certain that Mladic and Karadzic are arrested before the end of 2007.**

Demands on the Bush Administration and Congress

- Declare that the arrest of Mladic and Karadzic is a top priority for the Bush Administration.
- Allocate specific US intelligence and military resources to locate and arrest Karadzic and Mladic.
- Share all relevant intelligence with NATO allies and other interested parties in locating Karadzic and Mladic.
- Coordination efforts with NATO and other European counterparts in locating and arresting Karadzic and Mladic.
- Use diplomatic and economic pressure on Serbia and on the Bosnian Serb Republic in Bosnia to insure their full cooperation with international efforts to arrest Karadzic and Mladic.
- Do not allow linking the arrest of Mladic to diplomatic negotiations regarding Kosovo or anything else.

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Call, fax, or email the White House and your members of Congress today. Say that you want the U.S. to take a leadership role in seeing that Karadzic and Mladic are finally arrested. Include all or part of the above demands.

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