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## The Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina defended European honor, defended the cosmopolitan way of life

Citizens of Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina have voted and declared on referendum for a independent and sovereign nation. The citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina sent a message to the Serb and Montenegrin nationalists that they do not wish to live with them in the so called "Big Serbia" and that they wish to live in their independent and sovereign nation without consequences while building friendships based on democratic, human, multiethnic, multicultural and multi religious values which will be given to every human being based on his or her own nationalism, religion and social bracket or political affiliation.

The results of the referendum show that the majority of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina are for independent Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Serbs unhappy about results of the referendum openly show aggression using weapons and provocatively hoping to start a war, while thinking that Bosnian and other patriots would not be successful in providing any resistance.

Once the European Union declared Bosnia and Herzegovina as a independent nation on April 6<sup>th</sup> 1992. Serbs started a vicious aggression with all offensive means and vandalism and destruction of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina especially Sarajevo. Bosnian and Herzeg patriots have grouped themselves together to withstand and defend their homeland. Majority of Serbs did not participate in the defense instead joined the Chetniks. In that kind of on environment the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina brought a decision to form the staff of the territorial defense of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina which will serve in all areas of the armed forces. That is the basis of the formation of the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the establishment of the staff of the Army Forces.

The rapid formation of the territorial defense military brought a improvement to the cause of defending the nation in a more organizational and well formed process. With efficient systems in place of defending with the patriotic powers possibilities arouse to form units in the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina and as a ultimate result of mutual effect and operational affect in the fight against a superior enemy. Aggressors from Serbia and



Montenegro with the help of SDS extremists are not able to defenses of the Bosnian Herzeg patriot. The patriots begin to return the punches and stabilize won territories while performing offensive battles.

Now with an easier purpose to guide and operate leadership of the patriotic defense forces from April 9th 1992- April 25th 1992 unified in territorial defense force of Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and by the end of May transformed into the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which till the end of war was multiethnic and with their goals as on Army of all people who fought for the whole Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its equal citizens within.

While in the fight for survival of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its people. The Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina grew and become stronger which showed on the acquired territories. One should never forget that the Army was part of the citizens whose full support come from them and the national control and was dedicated to resolve situations in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and what is really important that the battles were fought with the most respect of the international conventions, not making crimes against the aggressor solidest or any other civilian. Also we need to mention the participation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs as a part of Armed forces of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina who was providing resistance against the aggressor .at the same time while the Army was growing stronger and more successful gaining not only international view on the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina but also on the Nation Bosnia and Herzegovina which in the end resulted in initialing and signing of the peace agreement in November (Dayton) and December (Paris) 1995.

With the peace treaty signed it brought more freedom to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it was in that moment that the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina was well organized, motivated, it had 231.016 fighters with 101.580 amounts of weaponry, and 2329 artillery weapons and around 90 tanks. Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina could not move forward with Liberation operations without the consent of the international community.

However, International Forces were determined to stop the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which would have put Bosnian Army in a tough position. In case of opposition to the International Forces, Bosnian Army would have been exposed to different pressures and attacks from air, possibly facing complete seclusion from all available resources as well as separation in alliance with Croatian Army.



As a last consequence, there was a possibility of a complete abandonment of International Forces, which would have been catastrophic, given that UNPROFOR was protecting poor communications of transportation of necessary goods and the fact that Sarajevo was still under the siege. This is how it was in its full force, blocked liberation movement of the Bosnian Army.

## Bosnian Army protected all citizens and defended prerequisites of sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina

In a difficult historical era, Bosnian Army did not par take in any type of revenge for the atrocious crimes committed towards Bosnian People. Bosnian Army did not commit aggression, genocide, ecocide, ethnocide, did not intentionally destruct any culture or heritage, did not commit rapes, did not open or operate death concentration camps, did not ethnically cleanse any particular group or attacked civilians. On a contrary, Bosnian Army was defending its people against the attackers and destructionists of its country. Bosnian Army demonstrated the highest level of moral and readiness to fight for the highest goals that are now left as a universal value.

Army of Republic of B&H was the army that insured peace and living space for Bosniaks and all the others that feel the belonging and love for its country. Bosnian Army indemnified that all that live in Bosnia and Herzegovina feel safe, including those who do by all means do not deserve it and continue to destroy and destabilize this country.

Creation of Army of Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the biggest historical fact that marked the beginning of a new epoch in a political reality of Bosnia and Herzegovina. With this fact must count all enemies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, all those that are yearning for Bosnian occupation and division. The Army stopped the fascism during the dissolution of ex Yugoslavia, during which began terrible genocide against the citizens who supported freedom and peace, and respected its homeland. In any case, had this Army not spontaneously formed we can for sure affirm today that there would have been no existence of Bosniaks as they would have been slaughtered, expelled, assimilated, and everything in a material sense that symbolized traces of their culture, religion, and tradition, would have been destroyed. In any case, had this Army not been formed, there would have not been the sovereign country of B&H, and its territory would have become a part of "Greater Serbia" and or "Greater Croatia". Had it not been for the Bosnian Army, it would have meant a definite defeat of the idea of independent Bosnia and Bosnian Spirit, which would have in turn meant a total defeat and the end of the European Identity, that was created in B&H.



Institute for Research of Genocide Canada believes that future generations must not forget the heroic and honorable role of Bosnian Army, and the battle the Army fought for the survival of B&H and its citizens and peoples. We are proud that Bosnian Army with such high morals, courage and dignity did not defend only its own, but rather all universal human ideals of freedom and justice.

With honor we remember these great and brave people who stood weaponless, but with strength of their spirit, to fight against chetniks and ustashas. (Extreme Serbian and Croatian military forces).

With the highest honor we remember and mention these wise men, courageous people, heroes, patriots, commanders, generals, soldiers, builders, and legendary captains. The Army of BH was born in blood, and screams of its own people, who had no other choice but to oppose evil, even though this opposition did not appear to have any healthy logic, (common sense) and it had a very small chance to endure the aggressors based on the predictions of the war experts. During these historical and difficult times this honorable Bosnian army did not partake in any vengeances activities or attempted to revenge for the crimes committed against the citizens and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Army showed the highest degree of morale and readiness to fight for the highest goals, which remain as a universal value to all today. The Army defended the idea of Bosnia and its spirit, underlining not only the Bosnian society and state, but also Europe and the entire World.

In its ranks, there was a place for all those who wanted to prove themselves as patriots of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina!

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