

## **Boyle: Only justice for Srebrenica victims is the abolishment of the RS**

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More than 40 authorities in the field of researching holocaust, genocide and other crimes against humanity, that will take part in the international conference “Genocide Against Bosniaks of the UN Safe Haven Srebrenica in July 1995 – Lessons to Future Generations”, have already arrived in Sarajevo.

The agent representing BiH before the International Court of Justice in The Hague Prof Francis Boyle, who is also participating in the conference, told journalists on Saturday after arriving in Sarajevo that he supports the decision of ICTY Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte not to participate in the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of crimes in Srebrenica as an expression of protest against the non-arrest of Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

He said that representatives of numerous governments that have done nothing on their arrest would attend the commemoration.

He stressed that the only justice for all victims and survivors of Srebrenica, as well as other crimes, can be achieved with the abolishment of the RS as a creation formed on genocide, mass killings, rapes and the disintegration of BiH. “This is what, ten years on, the international community owes the people of BiH”, Boyle said.

“The RS needs to be abolished and a single BiH created for all its citizens of good will – Muslims, Catholics, Jews and others, on the foundations of pluralism and democracy”, he said and added that changes to the Dayton Agreement are possible if there is political will.

Director of the Danish Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Research Eric Marcusen said that in the coming days participants in the conference will show in detail to the world what happened in Srebrenica ten years ago. The work of the conference will be covered by journalists from across the world and they will inform the public about the crime that took place in BiH, he said.

Another participant in the conference, Tomas Emerton, stressed the large importance of the conference for providing a scientifically established truth on crimes in Srebrenica and BiH.

It has been confirmed that all the presented papers would be published together in a book after the end of the conference. It will be sent to all universities in the world dealing with the issue of genocide.

The conference will be officially opened on July 11 between 10:30 and 11:30 in the Car Batteries Factory in Potocari as part of the official ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica tragedy.

Prior to the conference all participants will first visit the recently unearthed mass grave, when FBiH Commission on Missing Persons President Amor Masovic is also expected to address them.

The conference will continue its work on July 12-15 in the Holiday Inn Hotel in Sarajevo. Participants are also planned to visit Mostar, Medugorje, the Zitomislici monastery and Blagaj on July 15.